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Two Seasons of Trend Biological Monitoring

and

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Final Report

on

Installation of Monitoring Stations in Polecat Creek Watershed

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The goal of the Polecat Creek Watershed Monitoring Project is to describe the efficacy of emerging landuse regulations and policies in protecting water quality during urban development activities. A water quality monitoring network was established, which consists of 5 runoff monitoring stations, 9 raingages and a complete weather station. The monitoring network was designed in order to evaluate the spatial contribution of nonpoint source pollutants originating from various major tributaries of the Polecat Creek.

The locations of all monitoring stations are indicated in Figure 1. A listing of equipment and instrumentation installed at each monitoring station is given in Table 1. A brief explanation of monitoring components is given in the following sections.

Runoff Monitoring Stations:

Each runoff monitoring station consists of a stilling well, intake pipes, water level recorders, a gauge house, and automatic water samplers. The runoff monitoring stations were located in straight, uniform reaches of streams, with smooth bed and banks of permanent nature, whenever possible. The stilling wells are located on one side of the stream, so that they do not interfere with the flow pattern.

70224 .V8 .V8 .V8 .V8 .V8 In many cases, the stilling well is located at a minimum distance of 10 feet from the center of the stream. The sizes of the stilling wells were chosen, based on factors such as the required rigidity, height, type of material, and water level in the stream. Based on these factors, 24" diameter stilling wells were installed at QPA, QPB and QPC, and 48" stilling wells were used at QPD and QPE.

Two intake pipes of 3" diameter in size were installed at each of the stations. Although the minimum requirement is one pipe, the second intake pipe was installed, because one may become plugged. These pipes were installed at different elevations with provisions made for flushing out the possible accumulated silt in the stilling well. All seams were brazed and treated in order to make the stilling well watertight. The wells were placed on a concrete base, with the top of the base located a few inches below the lowest intake pipe. Detailed cross-sectional surveys of all sites were conducted prior to installation of the monitoring equipment (Figure 2). A schematic diagram of a typical installation of a stilling well and intake pipe is presented in Figure 3.

Each runoff monitoring site was equipped with a strip-chart, as well as the electronic stage sensors for continuous recording of the water level in the stream. In addition, a staff gage (non-recording) was installed at each site and is read regularly by the field observer. The schematics of a typical staff gage and its installation is presented in Figure 4. An instrument shelter (6'w x 81 x 7'h) was installed at each of the monitoring stations, which houses the stage recorder, automatic water samplers and miscellaneous supplies. The information provided by Brakensiek et al (1979) for the design and installation of a shelter house, as well as the stilling wells, were used as a guideline in the design of these stations. Access to all shelter houses was provided by a walkway (catwalk). These walkways

would provide for servicing of the stations in all weather conditions. Safety and structural stability were the two main factors considered when designing these walkways. Diagrams of the site plan for OPA - OPE, which show the location of the gagehouse and catwalk are presented in Figures 5 - 9.

ISCO automatic water samplers are installed at each of the monitoring stations. These samplers are programmed to take composite water samples during storm events, based on the volume of the water flowing in the stream. CR10 data loggers are installed at each site (Figure 10) to control the samplers, as well as record the water level and the time of each sampling. In developing the sampling protocol, months of data were collected to determine the hydrologic response of each watershed. Shifts in the base flow associated with changes in the water table, possible beaver activities, as well as shifts due to precipitation events were observed. These shifts are significant when trying to identify the beginning and end of a runoff event. To account for the shifts, a digital filter, specifically a moving window average, is applied to the stage data. A four-hour window width is set for each watershed. The start of a runoff event is determined when the current stage value exceeds the average by a fixed amount. Once a runoff event is determined, 200 ml samples are collected with each passing of the set volume of flow. The set volume was determined by evaluating expected high flows, the water sampler sampling response time, and the capacity of samplers with regard to maximum number of samples (96). Table 2 shows the current setting for each watershed (note that these values will likely change as we are able to better describe the watersheds' hydrologic behavior). Samples are collected until the end of the runoff event is determined. The end of the event is identified when there is an increasing trend in the difference between the stage and the average stage, and the stage is less than the average. Figure 11 shows a typical hydrograph with runoff events

identified. It should be noted that for large storms the end of the runoff event is shifted toward the peak (Figure 11B). This is attributed to the filtering technique and the slow response of QPE. This shifting has not been shown to be a problem at the other gaging stations.

A comprehensive erosion control plan was developed and approved by the State of Virginia prior to construction of the monitoring stations. The procedures used for minimizing site disturbance and erosion during construction of gage houses are detailed in Figure 13.

Precipitation Monitoring Network:

A network of 9 precipitation gages were installed in Polcat Creek Watershed. These stations (PP1-PP9) are located throughout the watershed to enable an assessment of the spatial variability of precipitation. Tipping bucket raingages along with data loggers are located at each site. The schematic of a typical tipping bucket raingage is presented in figure 12. The raingages are powered by a 12 V, deep cycle battery and a solar panel installed at each site. The location of all raingage is indicated in Figure 1.

Weather Station:

A complete weather station was installed at the Waste Water Treatment Facility located in the Polcat Creek Watershed. The data collected at the weather station will greatly facilitate the interpretation of the water quality data being collected at various sites in the watershed. In addition, this information would be invaluable in the future modeling works in an effort to expand the results from

Polcat Creek Watershed to larger basins. The parameters collected at the weather station include:

- Precipitation
- Ambient Air Temperature
- Ambient Air Humidity
- Wind Speed and Direction
- Pan Evaporation
- Solar Radiation
- Soil Moisture (6" and 12" depths)
- Soil Temperature (6" and 12" depths)
- Snow Depth

QA/QC Plan:

A comprehensive quality assurance/quality control project plan was developed and submitted to the sponsor for review. All field installations were performed following standard procedures in order to provide data compatible with other similar projects. The QA/QC activities for the project is being closely followed in order to ensure proper data collection, handling and analysis.

Table 1. Polecat Creek Watershed monitoring sites.

Site Name	Location	Equipment Description
PP1	Smith sand and gravel quarry	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP2	Coleman farm	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP3	Caroline Co. Middle School	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP4	Smith farm	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP5	Lake Caroline	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP6	Lake Land 'Or	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP7	On cut over forest land off of Cedar Fork Road	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP8	Mount Olympus	Precipitation, one digital and one std. gage, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
PP9	Waste water treatment facility (the weather station)	Precipitation, one digital, one analog, one std. gage, one snow depth, and rain quality sampler, solar panel and deep cycle battery.
TP9	(the weather station)	Ambient air temperature, one analog and digital gage, and a max/min thermometer
HP9	(the weather station)	Ambient air humidity, one analog and one digital gage
DP9	(the weather station)	Wind direction, one digital gage
WP9	(the weather station)	Wind speed, one digital gage
EP9	(the weather station)	Pan evaporation, one analog and one digital gage
SP9	(the weather station)	Solar radiation, one digital gage
CP9	(the weather station)	Soil Moisture at .5 foot depth

Table 1 (cont.) Polecat Creek Watershed monitoring sites.

Site Name	Location	Equipment Description
СРА	(the weather station)	Soil Moisture at 1.0 foot depth
TP1	(the weather station)	Soil Temperature at .5 foot depth
TP2	(the weather station)	Soil Temperature at 1.0 foot depth
QPA	On Cedar Fork Road (rt. 601)	Stream stage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage) and water quality sampling (one automatic water quality sampler), solar panel and deep cycle battery
QPB	Close to Smith farm, off of rt. 601, between US rt. 1 and US Interstate 95	Stream stage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage) and water quality sampling (one automatic water quality sampler), solar panel and deep cycle battery
QPC	On Mr. Atkinson's farm close to interstate 95, accessed from rt. 652	Stream stage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage) and water quality sampling (one automatic water quality sampler), solar panel and deep cycle battery
QPD	On Mr. Atkinson's farm off of rt. 652	Stream stage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage) and water quality sampling (one automatic water quality sampler), solar panel and deep cycle battery
QPE	Watershed outlet, off of rt. 601	Stream stage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage) and water quality sampling (one automatic water quality sampler), solar panel and deep cycle battery
LPA	Located at station QPA	Campbell Scientific model CR10 data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone serviceand deep cycle battery
LPB	Located at station QPB	Campbell Scientific model CR10 data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone serviceand deep cycle battery
LPC	Located at station QPC	Campbell Scientific model CR10 data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone serviceand deep cycle battery
LPD	Located at station QPD	Campbell Scientific model CR10 data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone serviceand deep cycle battery
LPE	Located at station QPE	Campbell Scientific model CR10 data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone serviceand deep cycle battery

Table 1 (cont.) Polecat Creek Watershed monitoring sites.

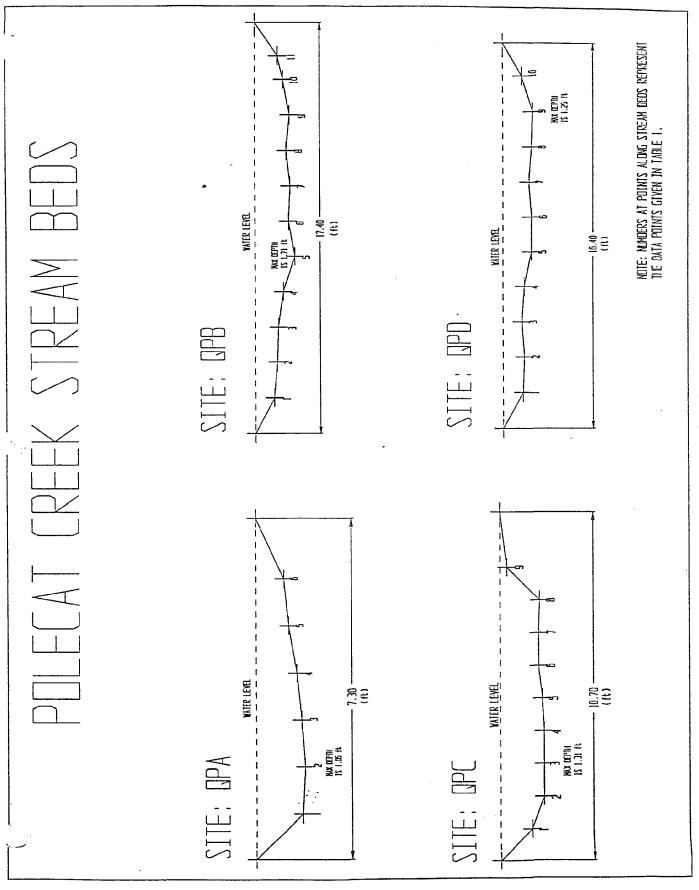
Site Name	Location	Equipment Description
LPF	Located at the weather station	Campbell Scientific model 21X data logger, 2400 baud modem and telephone service, solar panel and deep cycle battery

Table 2. The Sampling Protocol for Various Runoff Stations

Station	Runoff Event Beginning Offset (feet)	Flow Volume per sample (cubic yards *1000)
QPA	0.05	2
QPB	0.05	. 3
QPC	0.05	2
QPD	0.05	2
QPE	0.05	90

Polecat Creek Watershed

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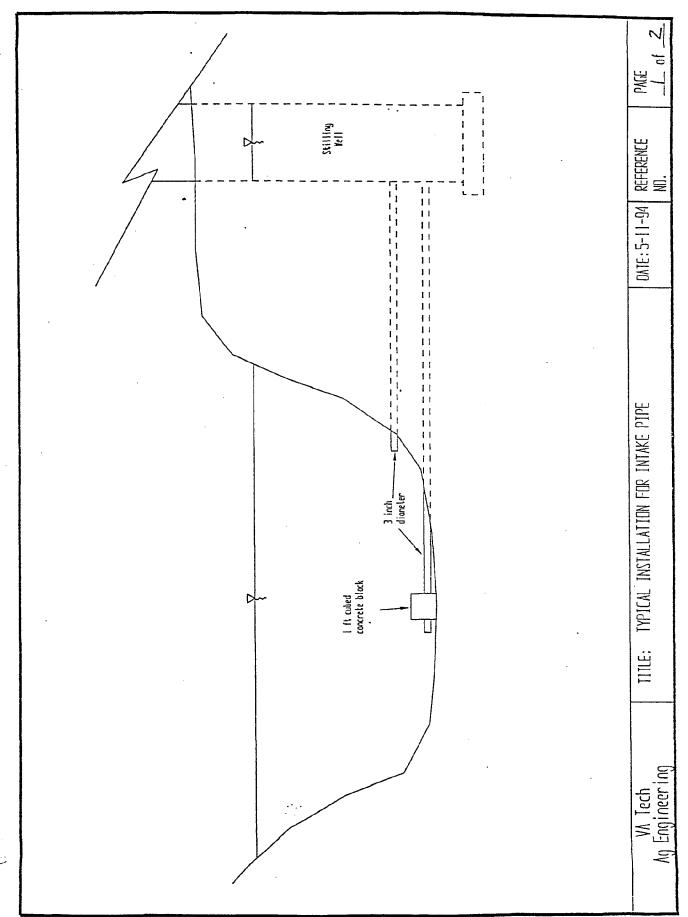
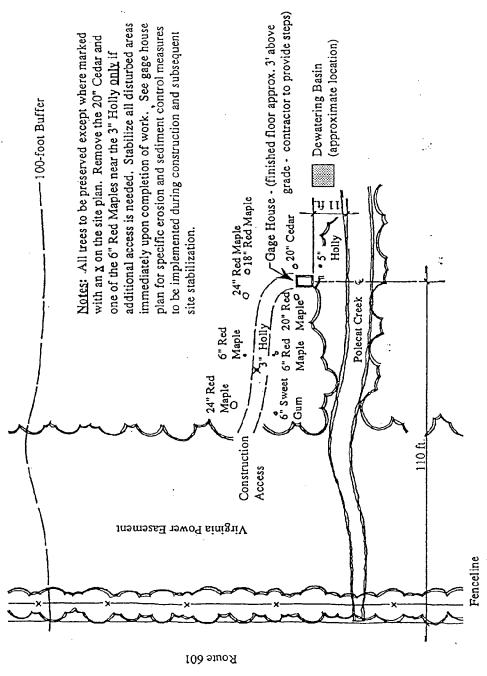


FIGURE 3

FIGURE 4



Polecat Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project Station A - Site Plan Scale: 1" = 30

FIGURE 6

Polecat Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project Station B - Site Plan Scale: 1" = 30'

FIGURE 7

Polecat Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project Station C- Site Plan

Scale: 1'' = 30'

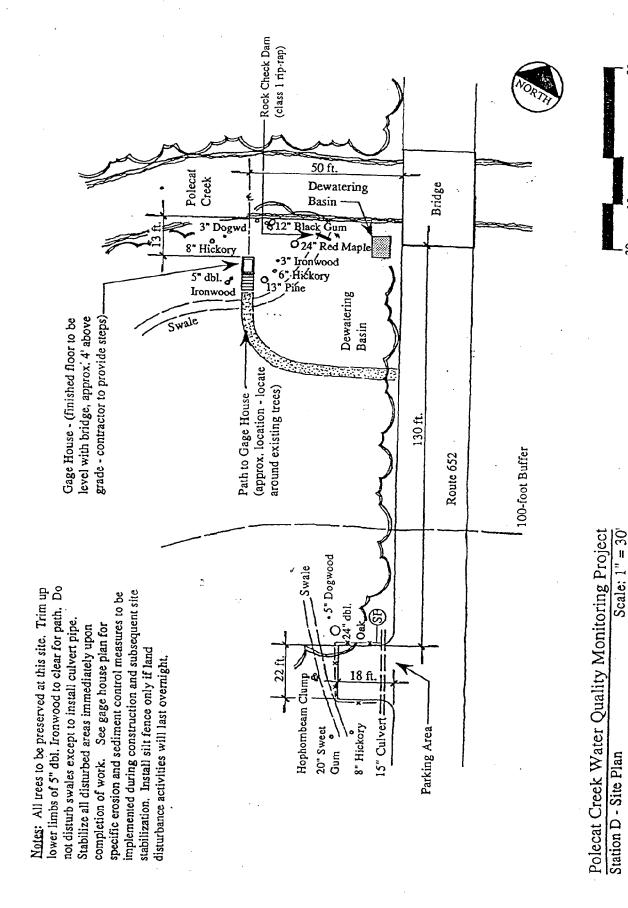


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Polecat Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project Station E - Site Plan Scale: 1" = 20'

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FIGURE 9

FIGURE 10

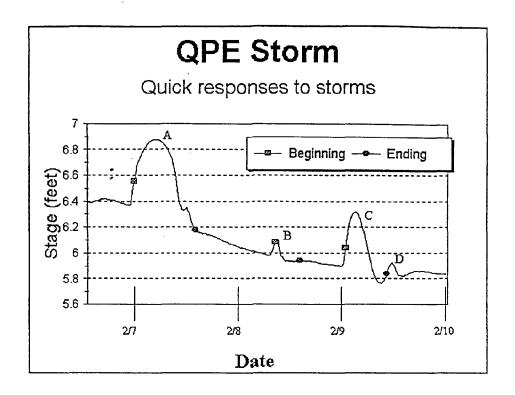


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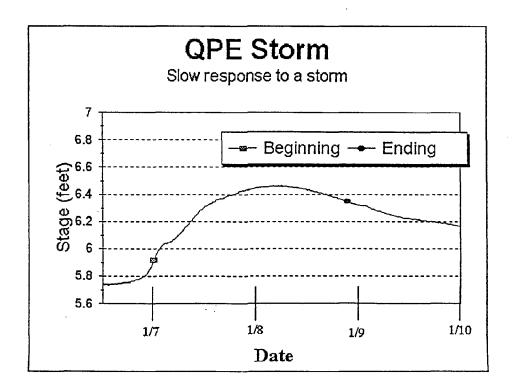


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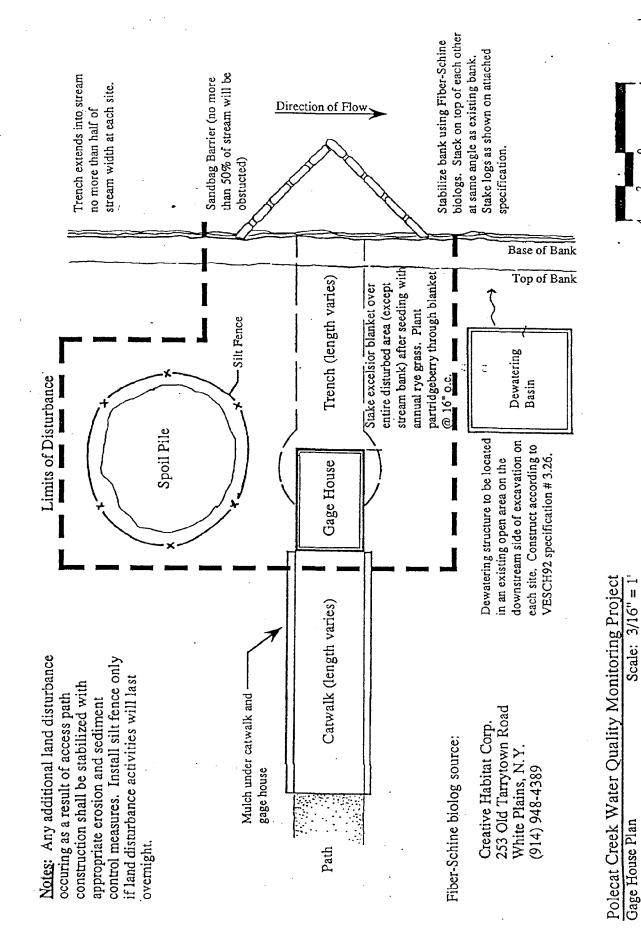
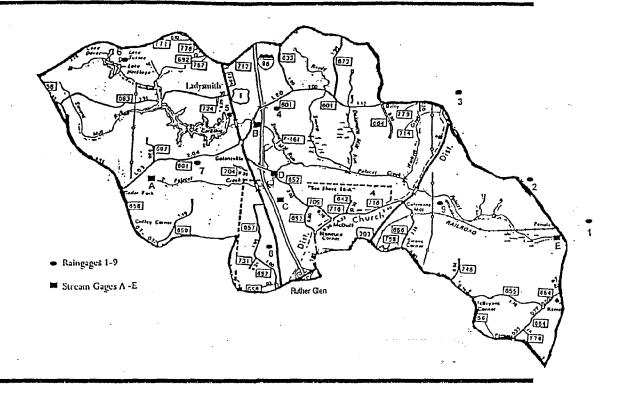


FIGURE 13



WATERSHED/WATER QUALITY MONITORING FOR THE POLECAT CREEK WATERSHED

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Data Report (September - December 1994)

Polecat Creek Watershed

A total of 207 mm of precipitation occurred on the Polecat Creek Watershed for the period

between September - December 1994. A runoff/rainfall ratio of 0.18 was resulted at QOA (the

watershed outlet) for this period. A summary of rainfall amounts, runoff volume and peak runoff

rates for all monitoring stations for the reporting period is presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Tables 3 through 12 summarize the sediment and nutrients concentrations and loading for all 5

stations in the watershed. The concentrations of sediment and nutrients at all stations were small

and much lower than those from typical agricultural watersheds, such as Owl Run and Nomini

Creek. Nitrate concentrations were always lower than the 10 ppm standard set by EPA for

drinking water.

It should be noted that the values reported in Tables 1 - 12 may change when the runoff rating

curves for the stations are finalized. Currently, 5 data points have been taken for runoff rate

measurements at each station. Most of these data points were taken during low to medium flow

rates. For the purpose of this report, the rating curves were extrapolated to determine the flow

rates for all events which occurred during this reporting period. It also should be noted that the

attached data tables follow the same format developed for the Owl Run and Nomini Creek

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Watersheds, to facilitate the comparison among different watershed with different landuse activities. A copy of rating curves developed for various runoff stations is attached.

A monthly summary of precipitation, humidity, temperature and evaporation data collected at the weather station is presented in Table 13. Table 14 presents a summary of rainwater quality data collected from the watershed. It is interesting to note that nitrate concentrations in the rainwater are, in many instances, greater than those measured in the stream, indicating that the watershed acts as a filter to reduce selected pollutants concentrations.

Summaries of bacteriological data collected during the reporting period are presented in Table 15 - 18. The data are presented for fecal coliform, total coliform, and fecal streptococcus. Geometric and arithmetic means, as well as standard deviations are reported. In many instances, the bacteria count are lower than the health standards set by EPA. A ratio of fecal coliform to fecal streptococci (FC/FS) of greater than 0.7 is indicative of contamination by domestic waste, such as septic tanks. This ratio exceeded 0.7 in two instances at QOB. Closer examination of landuse activities in QOB subwatershed is recommended in order to assess the sources of contamination.

Table 1. Polecat Creek Watershed Storm Summary (Sep. - Dec., 1994).

0.021* 0.029**	53.499 72.584	0.010* 0.011**	26.460 29.300	0.007* 0.012**	19.927 34.709	38.147 206.84	AMBIENT TOTAL
0.248***	19.085	0.128***	2.840	0.056***	14.782	168.69	STORMS
0.044	1.804	0.005	0.082	0.020	1.332	6.99	
0.224	4.078	0.006	0.112	0.024	1.854	12.53	
0.248	3.544	0.041	0.159	0.056	2.846	30.88	
0.057	3.029	0.004	0.076	0.033	2.618	7.41	
0.044	1.462	0.006	0.077	0.028	0.467	7.05	11/10 - 11/10
0.046	0.000	0.007	0.123	0.028	0.927	6.40	
0.047	0.000	0.057	0.141	0.035	1.995	15.40	
0.052	1.252	0.062	0.819	0.020	0.222	12.31	
0.038	1.524	0.045	0.939	0.012	0.612	16.64	
0.029	2.391	0.009	0.074	0.049	1.723	10.09	•
0.012	0.000	0.011	0.238	0.012	0.185	41.25	9/22 - 9/23
Peak Runoff (mm/hr)	Runoff (mm)	off Peak Runoff (mm/hr)	Runoff (mm)	off Peak Runoff (mm/hr)	Runoff (mm)	Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Dates A
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^{*}Average ambient flow

**Average 6-month flow

***Maximum peak runoff rate

Table 2. Polecat Creek Watershed Storm Summary (Sep. - Dec., 1994).

0.023**	58.477	0.030**	85.875	206.84	TOTAL
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0.069***	22.811	0.150***	8.717	168.69	STORMS
	1.064	.0.021	1.043	6.99	
	1.561	0.069	2.097	12.53	
	4.284	0.142	2.688	30.88	
	0.413	0.025	1.443	7.41	
7 0.042	2.377	0.011	0.566	7.05	11/10 - 11/10
	5.276	0.016	0.503	6.40	
	1.960	0.057	0.647	15.40	
	0.726	0.079	0.000	12.31	
	1.889	0.079	1.563	16.64	
	1.206	0.089	1.191	10.09	
	2.054	0.150	6.976	41.25	-
(mm/hr)	(mm)	(mm/hr)	(mm)	(mm)	
ff Peak Runoff	Runoff	Peak Runoff	Runoff	Avg. Rainfall	Dates
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^{*}Average ambient flow

**Average 6-month flow

***Maximum peak runoff rate

Table 3. Nutrient Concentration from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPA), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	Runoff	TSS	NH_{4}	NOς	TKN	TN	TKN filtered	OP	TP	TP filtered
	(1×10^6)	(g/l)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
9/22 - 9/23		0.006	0.086	0.050	0.397	0.447	0.411	0.000	0.047	0.000
9/26 - 9/26		0.007	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.003	0.045	0.000
10/14 - 10/14		0.007	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.003	0.045	0.000
10/20 - 10/21		0.007	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.003	0.045	0.000
10/23 - 10/23		0.008	0.000	0.140	0.000	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.000
10/26 - 10/26		0.008	0.000	0.140	0.000	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.000
11/10 - 11/10		0.003	0.099	0.285	0.050	0.335	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.000
11/16 - 11/17		0.055	0.000	0.000	3.857	3.857	0.000	0.000	0.235	0.000
11/21 - 11/21		0.004	0.045	0.055	2.018	2.073	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000
11/27 - 11/27		0.000	0.015	0.041	1.366	1.407	0.897	0.001	0.000	0.000
12/4 - 12/5	4.2	0.001	0.030	0.045	1.018	1.063	1.712	0.000	0.000	0.000
Storm	51.9	0.014	0.020	0.088	1.366	1.454	0.246	0.001	0.070	0.000
Ambient	56.9	0.013	0.030	0.115	0.929	1.045	0.127	0.000	0.071	0.007
Total	108.7	0.014	0.025	0.102	1.138	1.240	0.184	0.000	0.070	0.004

Table 4. Nutrient Loading from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPA), Sep. - Oct., 1994.

Storm	TSS	NH_4	NO_3	TKN	Z	TKN filtered	QP	TP	TP filtered
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9/22 - 9/23	ယ ယ	0.05	0.03	0.23	0.26	0.24	0.00	0.03	0.00
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10/14 - 10/14	14.4	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.00
10/20 - 10/21	6.4	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
10/23 - 10/23	50.9	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.00
10/26 - 10/26	26.1	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00
11/10 - 11/10	11.5	0.35	1.02	0.18	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00
11/16 - 11/17	554.4	0.00	0.00	38.88	38.88	0.00	0.00	2.37	0.00
11/21 - 11/21	35.9	0.42	0.52	19.12	19.64	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00
11/27 - 11/27	0.0	0.09	0.24	8.19	8. 4 3	5.37	0.01	0.00	0.00
12/4 - 12/5	4 ci	0.12	0.19	4.24	4.43	7.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm	744.8	1.0	4.6	70.8	75.4	12.7	0.0	3.6	0.0
Ambient	762.2	1.7	6.5	52.9	59.4	7.2	0.0	4.0	0.4
Total	1506.9	2.8	11.1	123.7	134.8	20.0	0.0	7.7	0.4

Table 5. Nutrient Concentration from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPB), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	Runoff	TSS	NH ₂	NO_3	TKN	H Z	TKN filtered	ОÞ	TP	TP filtered
	(1×10^6)	(1/3)	(ppm)	(mdd)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(mdd)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
		0.001	0.399	0.008	0.285	0.292	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.000
		0.041	0.153	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000
		0.041	0.153	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000
		0.041	0.153	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000
		0.041	0.153	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000
		0.041	0.153	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000
		0.004	0.000	0.022	0.000	0.022	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
		0.002	0.047	0.009	0.771	0.780	1.260	0.000	0.000	0.000
		0.035	0.039	0.028	1.464	1.492	1.156	0.000	0.058	0.000
		0.000	0.043	0.015	1.102	1.117	1.276	0.000	0.002	0.000
12/4 - 12/5	4.1	0.000	0.010	0.019	0.524	0.543	1.136	0.001	0.000	0.000
Storm	81.3	0.032	0.147	0.072	0.194	0.266	0.206	0.000	0.038	0.000
Ambient	698.3	0.029	0.109	0.069	0.088	0.157	0.120	0.000	0.034	0.014
Total	779.6	0.029	0.113	0.069	0.099	0.169	0.129	0.000	0.034	0.013

Table 6. Nutrient Loading from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPB), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	TSS	NH_4	NO_3	TKN	Z	TKN filtered	OP	TP	TP filtered
		***************************************			Кg				
9/22 - 9/23	رد:8 م	2.53	0.05	1.81	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00
9/26 - 9/26	83.9	0.31	0.19	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00
10/14 - 10/14	1076.1	4.02	2.4	0.00	2 <u>.</u> 42	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.00
10/20 - 10/21	901.4	3.36	2.04	0.00	2.04	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.00
10/23 - 10/23	175.5	0.65	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00
10/26 - 10/26	165.4	0.62	0.38	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00
11/10 - 11/10	9.3	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/16 - 11/17	4.1	0.10	0.02	1.59	1.61	2.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/21 - 11/21	157.0	0.18	0.13	6.59	6.71	5.20	0.00	0.26	0.00
11/27 - 11/27	0.0	0.14	0.05	3.66	3.71	4.24	0.00	0.01	0.00
12/4 - 12/5	0.0	0.04	0.08	2.17	2.25	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm	2581.3	12.0	5.8	15.8	21.6	16.7	0.0	3.1	0.0
Ambient	19938.2	76.4	48.3	61.4	109.7	83.6	0.1	23.5	9.9
Total	22519.4	88.3	54.1	77.2	131.4	100.4	0.1	26.6	9.9

Table 7. Nutrient Concentration from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPC), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	Runoff	TSS	NH_{a}	NO_3	TKN	NT	TKN filtered	OP	Ţþ	TP filtered
	(1×10^6)	(g/l)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
	ļ	0 000	0 064	200	9630	0 436	9 27 U	0.060	0 0 4 4	0.015
		0.007	0.000	800.0	0.000	0 008	0.000	0 021	0.055	0000
		0.007	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	000	0.021	0.055	0.000
		0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.01	0.000	0.000
		0.007	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.021	0.055	0.000
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
		0.005	0.000	0.056	0.059	0.115	0.716	0.004	0.020	0.000
		0.000	0.020	0.000	1.388	1.388	1.630	0.034	0.025	0.000
		0.008	0.021	0.032	1.073	1.105	2.304	0.027	0.038	0.065
		0.005	0.047	0.090	0.032	0.122	0.083	0.037	0.001	0.003
12/4 - 12/5	16.8	0.003	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.106	0.000	0.000
Storm	176.7	0.005	0.017	0.040	0.425	0.465	0.741	0.035	0.028	0.012
Ambient	475.5	0.007	0.006	0.036	0.264	0.299	0.492	0.025	0.047	0.016
Total	652.1	0.006	0.009	0.037	0.308	0.344	0.559	0.027	0.042	0.015

Table 8. Nutrient Loading from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPC), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	TSS	NH_4	NO_3	TKN	T Z	TKN filtered	ΟĐ	TP	TP filtered
	1	***************************************		***************************************	Кg				
9/22 - 9/23	21.3	0.17	0.02	1.40	1.43	1.16	0.16	0.15	0.04
9/26 - 9/26	168.0	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.50	1.32	0.00
10/14 - 10/14	95.2	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.29	0.75	0.00
10/20 - 10/21	78.3	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.23	0.62	0.00
10/23 - 10/23	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/26 - 10/26	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/10 - 11/10	65.3	0.00	0.73	0.77	1.50	9.35	0.05	0.26	0.00
11/16 - 11/17	0.0	0.55	0.00	37.83	37.83	44.4 2	0.93	0.68	0.00
11/21 - 11/21	253.9	0.67	1.01	33.98	34.99	72.95	0.86	1.20	2.04
11/27 - 11/27	179.7	1.70	3.28	1.16	4.44	3.04	1.34	0.04	0.09
12/4 - 12/5	50.5	0.00	1.57	0.00	1.57	0.00	1.78	0.00	0.00
Storm	912.1	3.1	7.0	75.1	82.1	130.9	6.1	5.0	2.2
Ambient	3131.7	2.9	16.9	125.4	142.3	233.7	11.7	22.1	7.8
Total	4043.8	6.0	23.9	200.6	224.5	364.6	17.9	27.2	10.0

Table 9. Nutrient Concentration from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPD), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	Runoff	TSS	NH ₄	kO ₃	TKN	TN NT	TKN filtered	OP	(ppm)	TP filtered
	(1×10^6)	(g/l)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(mdd)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
		5		001	0 266	0 271	0 061	0000	0 046	0 000
		0.013	0.017	0.016	0.333	U.3/1	100.0	0.028	0.040	0.009
		0.000	0.000	0.005	0.059	0.064	0.248	0.010	0.030	0.000
		0.000	0.000	0.005	0.059	0.064	0.248	0.010	0.030	0.000
		0.000	0.000	0.005	0.059	0.064	0.248	0.010	0.030	0.000
		0.006	0.000	0.006	0.825	0.831	0.000	0.013	0.075	0.000
		0.006	0.000	0.006	0.825	0.831	0.000	0.013	0.075	0.000
		0.006	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.091	0.097	0.055
		0.009	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.000
		0.013	0.003	0.007	0.392	0.400	0.064	0.025	0.052	0.015
		0.000	0.050	0.009	0.466	0.475	0.773	0.023	0.071	0.001
12/4 - 12/5	29.1	0.000	0.045	0.019	0.845	0.864	0.512	0.018	0.065	0.000
Storm	536.0	0.007	0.014	0.010	0.330	0.340	0.187	0.025	0.047	0.007
Ambient	1703.6	0.002	0.004	0.026	0.331	0.357	0.357	0.014	0.138	0.138
Total	2239.7	0.004	0.007	0.022	0.331	0.353	0.317	0.016	0.116	0.107

Table 10. Nutrient Loading from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPD), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	TSS	NH_4	NO_3	TKN	TN.	TKN filtered	ΟP	TP	TP filtered
					Кд				
9/22 - 9/23	2371.3	3.08	3.02	65.73	68.75	9.40	5.22	8.45	1.61
9/26 - 9/26	0.0	0.00	0.16	1.89	2.05	7.98	0.32	0.96	0.00
10/14 - 10/14	0.0	0.00	0.21	2.41	2.62	10.19	0.41	1.23	0.00
10/20 - 10/21	0.0	0.00	0.19	2.17	2.36	9.19	0.37	1.1	0.00
10/23 - 10/23	101.7	0.00	0.10	13.98	14.08	0.00	0.22	1.27	0.00
10/26 - 10/26	85.6	0.00	0.09	11.76	11.85	0.00	0.19	1.07	0.00
$11/10 \cdot 11/10$	94.6	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00	1.37	1.46	0.84
11/16 - 11/17	342.8	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	1.52	0.00	0.00
$11/21 \cdot 11/21$	906.0	0.21	0.51	27.51	28.03	4.49	1.72	3.61	1.03
11/27 - 11/27	2.0	2.88	0.53	26.60	27.13	44.17	1.31	4.06	0.06
12/ 4 - 12/ 5	0.0	1.31	0.55	24.55	25.10	14.87	0.52	1.89	0.00
Storm	3904.0	7.5	5.5	176.6	182.1	100.3	13.2	25.1	3.5
Ambient	4096.2	7.6	44.7	563.6	608.3	608.8	23.1	234.9	235.7
Total	8000.3	15.1	50.2	740.2	790.4	709.1	36.2	260.1	239.2

Table 11. Nutrient Concentration from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPE), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	Runoff	TSS	NH_{\star}	ΝO	TKN	NT	TKN filtered	OP	TP	TP filtered
	(1 x 106)	(g/1)	(ppm)	(mdd)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
)			0 0 0 4
		0.006	0.033	0.042	0.118	0.150	0.092	0.007	0.049	0.004
		0.000	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.071	0.050	0.035
		0.000	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.071	0.050	0.035
		0.001	0.000	0.036	0.000	0.036	0.000	0.057	0.083	0.014
		0.002	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.047	0.105	0.000
		0.001	0.000	0.048	0.000	0.048	0.000	0.051	0.113	0.039
		0.044	0.000	0.029	0.803	0.833	0.445	0.029	0.176	0.021
		0.048	0.000	0.030	1.668	1.698	0.749	0.041	0.215	0.000
		0.025	0.000	0.047	1.752	1.799	0.344	0.032	0.166	0.002
		0.000	0.025	0.156	1.425	1.581	0.416	0.069	0.095	0.067
12/4-12/5	153.3	0.003	0.016	0.091	0.768	0.858	0.167	0.077	0.088	0.066
storm	2868.2	0.011	0.005	0.051	0.581	0.632	0.168	0.052	0.113	0.030
Ambient	4188.7	0.013	0.007	0.115	0.527	0.642	0.239	0.060	0.129	0.058
Total	7056.9	0.013	0.007	0.089	0.549	0.638	0.211	0.057	0.122	0.046

Table 12. Nutrient Loading from Polecat Creek Watershed (QPE), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Storm	TSS	NH_4	NO_3	TKN	T'N	TKN filtered	ΟÞ	TP	TP filtered
					Kg				
9/22 - 9/23	1474.3	8.08	10.43	29.30	39.73	22.82	16.74	12.18	15.
9/26 - 9/26	0.0	0.00	4.50	0.00	4.50	0.00	10.64	7.49	5.
10/14 - 10/14	0.0	0.00	6.87	0.00	6.87	0.00	16.26	11.45	∞
10/20 - 10/21	170.1	0.00	5.10	0.00	5.10	0.00	8.02	11.76	<u>. </u>
10/23 - 10/23	473.9	0.00	9.48	0.00	9.48	0.00	11.14	24.88	0.
10/26 - 10/26	795.7	0.00	31.39	0.00	31.39	0.00	32.92	72.97	24.
11/10 - 11/10	12600.9	0.00	8.47	230.80	239.27	127.98	8.21	50.61	5.
11/16 - 11/17	3144.5	0.00	1.97	109.27	111.24	49.09	2.69	14.08	0.0
$11/21 \cdot 11/21$	13192.1	0.00	24.32	910.74	935.06	178.83	16.79	86.13	1.0
11/27 - 11/27	19.9	4.66	29.57	269.56	299.12	78.74	12.99	17.97	12.0
12/4 - 12/5	455.6	2.43	13.90	117.69	131.59	25.56	11.84	13.42	10.06
Storm	32327.0	15.2	146.0	1667.4	1813.3	483.0	148.2	322.9	85.9
Ambient	56155.6	30.8	481.2	2206.1	2687.3	1003.0	253.2	539.9	241.
Total	88482.6	45.9	627.2	3873.4	4500.6	1486.0	401.4	862.9	327

Table 13. Polecat Creek Watershed Weather Parameters: Sep. - Dec., 1994.

Month	Precip.		Humidity, %		Ţ	Cemperature, C	С	Evaporation
	(mm)	avg.	min.	max.	ave.	min.	max.	(mm)
SEP	64.82	75.7	32.0	100.0	17.3	11.7	22.2	*
OCT	53.16	81.3	21.0	100.0	14.7	1:1	25.0	*
NOV	67.36	76.7	13.0	100.0	13.9	7.2	23.3	*
DEC	21.50	77.0	14.0	100.0	10.4	-6.1	20.6	*
SEP-DEC	206.84	62.1	13 0	0.001	14 1	5.	25:0	*
	206.84	62.1	13.0	100.0	14.1	6.1	25:0	71-

^{*} Evaporation pan winterized

Table 14. Rain Water Quality Data for Polecat Creek Watershed, (sampling station - PP9), Sep. - Dec., 1994.

12/19/94 0.003	0.018	0.014	0.003		t	•	0.003	0.003	(g/1)	Collection TSS	
0.366									(ppm)		
		•	•			0.462 0			(mdd)		
1.2648	.2139	•	.3224	.4416	.5066	0.4417	•	.9404	(ppm)	TKN	
0.4128	0.6387	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	(ppm)	TKN	Filtered
1	•	•	•	0.055	•	0.135	•		(ppm)	TP	
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	(ppm)	OP	
	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	(ppm)	TP	Filtered

 ⁼ Non-Detectable

Table 15. Number of Fecal Coliforms and Fecal Streptococci per 100 ml of Water Sample, Sep. - Dec. 1994, (Polecat Creek Watershed).

09/21/94 10/20/94 11/17/94 12/15/94		Date	
< 200 < 200 < 200 < 200 < 200		QPA	
170* 230* < 200 < 200	t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t	QPB	
20 40 < 200 < 200	Fecal (QPC	
< 200 80 < 200 < 200	Fecal Coliform	QPD	
40 < 20 < 200 < 200		QPE	·
· 230 54 70 8		QPA	Site
172* 45* 16 0		QPB	
270 54 430 36	Fecal Streptococci	QPC	
360 270 230 29	tococci	QPD	
80 162 18 20	Fecal Streptococci	QPE	÷

^{*}FC/FS ratio exceeds 0.7 for these samples.

Table 16. Summary of fecal coliforms per 100 ml for all samples. Colony counts outside of the acceptable range are not included in these statistics. Polecat Creek Watershed, Sep. - Dec. 1994.

QPB QPC (QPC 28
, , ,	QPD 80

^{*} Samples could not be collected.

⁻ No quantitative data for determining means.

Table 17. Summary of fecal streptococci per 100 ml for all samples. Colony counts outside of the acceptable range are not included in these statistics. Polecat Creek Watershed, Sep. - Dec. 1994.

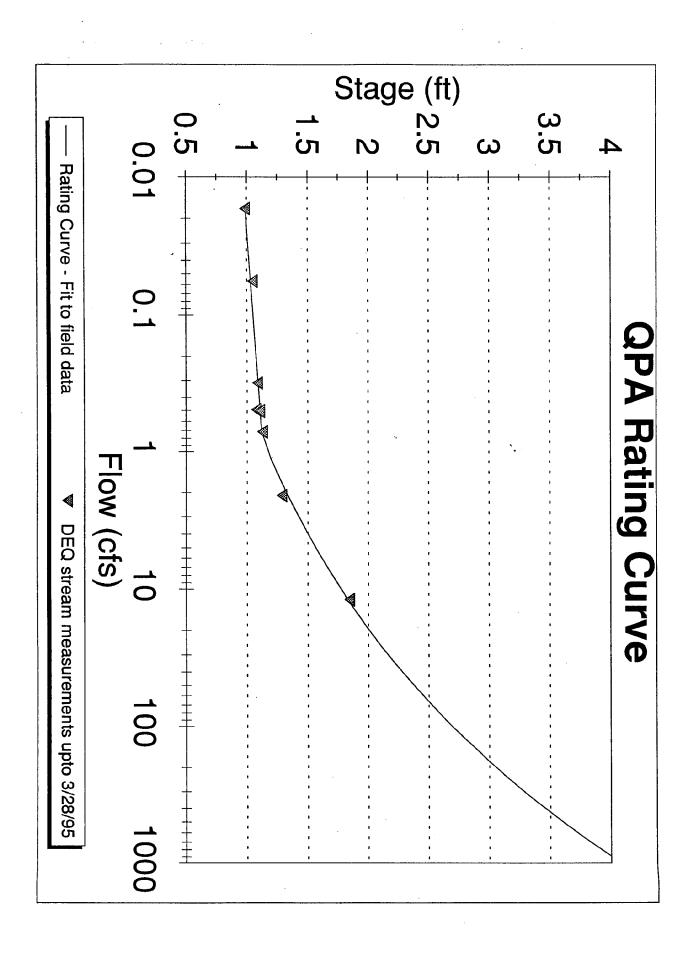
Sample Size	Standard Deviation	Arithmetic Mean	Geometric Mean		
4	97	91	51	QPA	
42	70	58.	50	QPB	
4	188	198	123	QPC	Site
4	140	222	160	QPA QPB QPC QPD	
4	68	70	. 47		
				QPE	

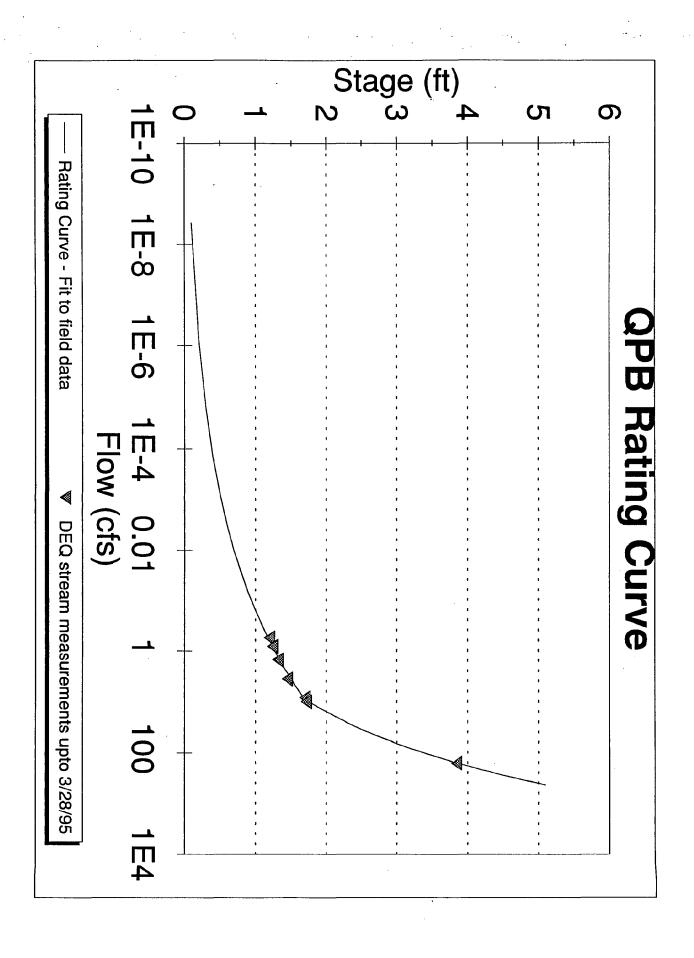
^{*} Samples could not be collected.

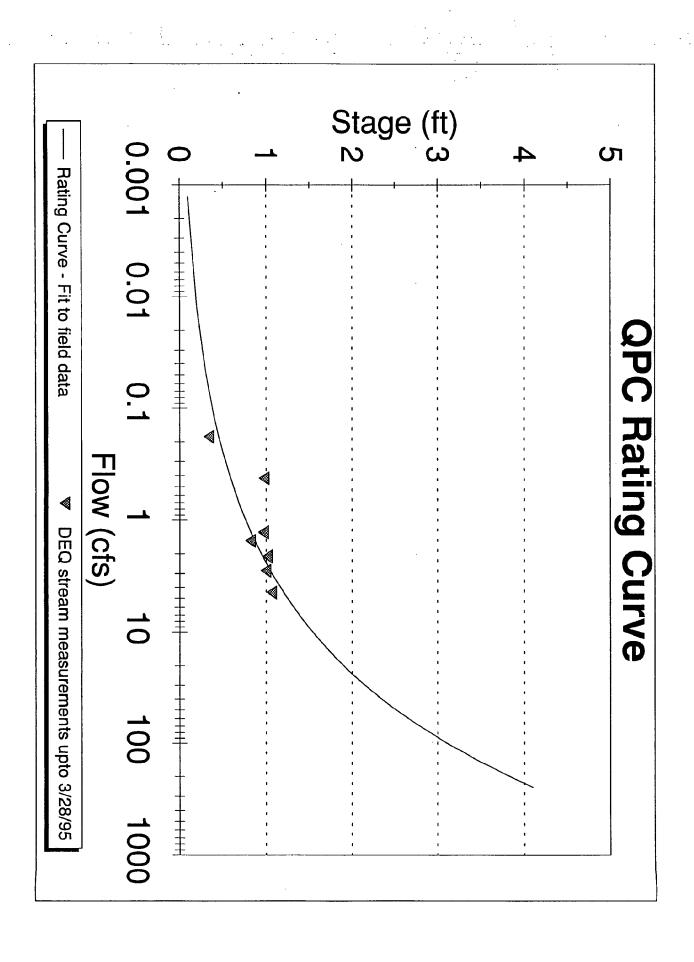
Table 18. Summary of total bacterial counts (x 10⁵) per 100 ml for all samples. Colony counts outside of the acceptable range are not included in these statistics. Polecat Creek Watershed, Sep. - Dec. 1994.

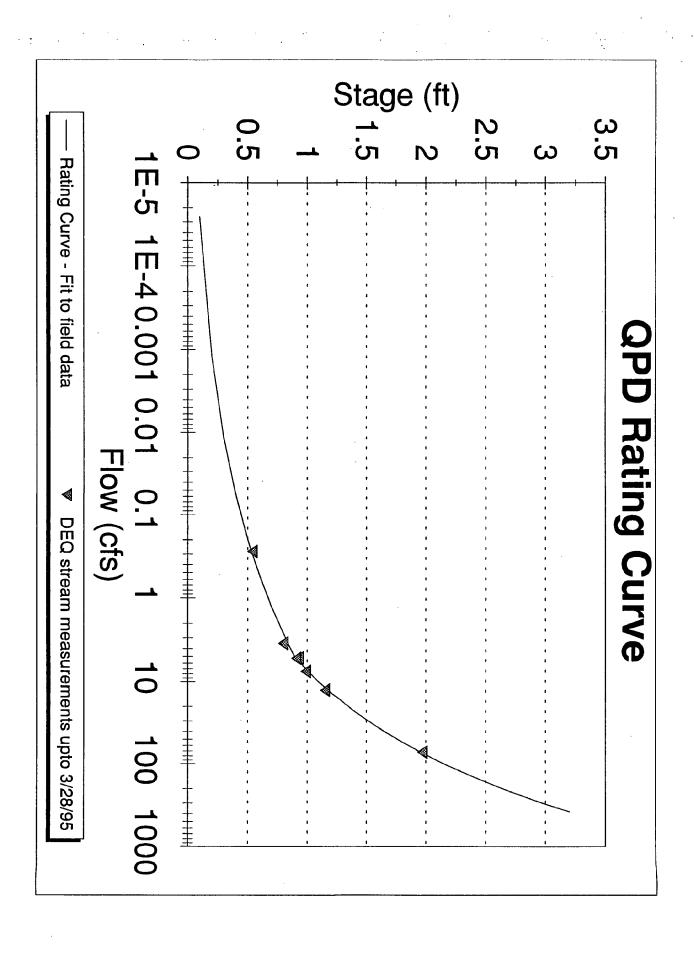
Sample Size	Standard Deviation	Arithmetic Mean	Geometric Mean		
دى	1039	1000	706	QPA	
(L)	1608	1143	517	QPB	
3	551	767	654	QPC	Site
J.	58	233	229	QPD	¢ρ
3	314	340	256	QPE	

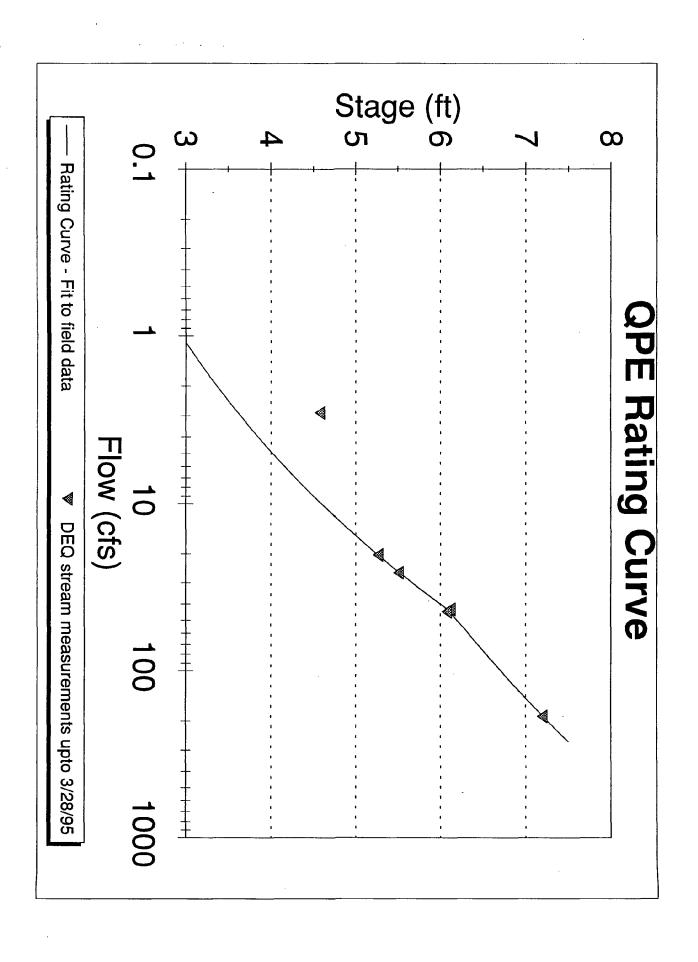
^{*} Samples could not be collected.











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12.0 REPORTS TO MANAGEMENT

The Project Director will submit a Quarterly Report (January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15) to the sponser. Each Quarterly Report will address the following topics:

- · performance and system audits conducted
- evaluation of compliance with QA/QC Project Plan
- evaluation of data quality measurement trends
- identification of problems, needs, and recommendations for solutions.

Copies for Quarterly Report will be sent to the Grant Project Manager, the QA officer and Project Engineer/Manager. The final quarterly status report following completion of the project will provide a summary of the items listed above.

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11.0 CORRECTIVE ACTION

If a calibration check shows that an equipment is not preforming within the accuracy stated in the objective, then a problem will be considered to exist. If the equipment should be repaired or recalibrated the field and laboratory personnel will be notified of any changes and will be provided a copy of the new calibration form and other information as necessary.

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10.0 PROCEDURES USED TO DEVELOP ACCURACY AND PRECISION DATA

10.1 Field Data: Detail procedure and methods used to calculate precision and accuracy for field equipment is given in Appendix C.

10.2 Laboratory Data: The procedures for calculating and reporting precision and accuracy for laboratory data are given in Appendix D-13.

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9.0 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Preventative maintenance is described under section 4.0 of this report. Following is a list of field and laboratory equipment that would require preventative maintenance during the projects life:

Automatic Water Quality Samplers

Staff Gages

Rain Gages

Stage Recorders

Current Meter

Auto Analyzer

Laboratory Balances

Bloc Digester

Dattaloggers

TRACS 800

Drying Ovens

Stills

GC

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8.0 AUDIT PROCEDURES

A system of semi-annual audits will be established to review and assess the ongoing quality assurance practices for compliance with the quality assurance program. These audits will be conducted by a committee whose members include the Laboratory Liaison Officer, Project Manager, Field Technician, and Project Quality Assurance Officer. This Committee will be responsible for verifying both compliance and performance and to identify discrepancies when they exist. During these initial audits control charts will be reviewed to assure that a) they are up-to-date and that control samples are being measured at the specified intervals in the lab, b) all field and laboratory equipment and instrumentation are checked and calibrated according to the specified procedures, c) a log book of problems encountered and the corrective actions taken is maintained, d) there is a high degree of cooperation between the various components of the project, e) uncertainty limits for all data is enforced, and f) all reports to the sponsoring agency are screened for QA aspects. The field and laboratory Quality Assurance Audit form (Appendix F) will be used by the Audit's Committee for internal audits to be conducted during June and December each year. The committee will report on the progress of the project and make recommendations for corrective actions as required.

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7.0 INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL

Internal quality control is an integral part of determining the quality of both field and laboratory data. Quality control check for field instrumentation are included in Section 6.0 of this report. The HAS data management system examines the important quality control checks.

The laboratory internal QC checks for the nutrient data and biological analysis are explained in Appendix D and Appendix E, respectively.

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6.0 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION AND REPORTING

Data reduction, validation, and reporting procedures for this project will be according to the data management system, HAS, which was designed and adapted in the Water Quality Laboratory of the Biological Systems Engineering Department at Virginia Tech to manage hydrologic and water quality data from the watershed monitoring projects (Mostaghimi, 1989). A flow diagram of the data management system is given in Figure 6.1.

The Project Director will be responsible for submitting quarterly activity reports. A brief summary of activities including progress made, problems encountered, QC check, internal audit records, and steps taken to rectify the potential problems will be outlined in quarterly activity reports. Copies of these reports will be provided to other project investigators, laboratory, and field personnel.

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on the data collected from other instruments located at the logger sited which is used for error

checking.

Raw data are archived on the diskettes as well as on the Virginia Tech Biologial Systems Engineering

Department Micro-Vax Mini Computer.

Data are transferred into the HAS data management system. At this point, the DOS filenames are

converted to the mainframe file naming convention. For example above (QPA100188.007), the

mainframe name would be "QPA1RAW88 L001007A" as discussed under section 10.2.2 of this

report.

5.3.2 Field Transfer

All electronic data collection devices not accessible by phone lines are serviced weekly by the

Field Observers. Data from these devices are transferred to a portable computer and stored on

diskettes. Diskettes are mailed to the Project Engineer at Virginia Tech on a weekly basis.

• Upon receiving diskettes, data is inventoried and the procedures outlined in the last two steps of

section 5.3.1 are followed.

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5.2 Bacteriological Samples: Bacteriological samples are collected on a monthly basis. Sample

information is recorded on the field tracking form WQS-3 (Appendix A) and the information for all

samples are logged into the HAS data management system

5.3 Electronic Data

5.3.1 Telecommunication Transfer:

Data recording devices accessible by telephone lines are transferred twice a week, to a personal

computer at Virginia Tech. Immediately following data transfer, all output files are edited by a full

screen editor for visual inspection and to verify the beginning and ending data collection dates.

KEDIT, developed by Mansville Software (1987), is used for this process and was selected because

it is compatible with the mainframe editor (XEDIT) used at Virginia Tech. The collection dates

obtained during the editing step provide information for the naming convention used to properly

identify the permanent output storage files form each site. The files are stored directly from KEDIT

onto diskettes in a DOS sub-directory named Logger. An example of the DOS file naming

convention used would be QPA100188.007 for a stream flow site on Polecat Creek Watershed. The

'001' and '007' are the beginning and ending collection period Julian days, January 1 through January

7, respectively. The '88' is the collection year (1988) and the 'QPA' is location of the logger collection

site. These permanent storage files are referred to as raw data logger files and the file naming

convention is compatibile with the HAS system as the files are processed during the data reduction

phase. The file name and date printed is recorded on form HD-5 (Appendix B).

After transfer and editing, a SPLIT program, part of the Campbell Scientific PC206 package (1986),

is executed with each of the site storage files. This program scans and displays selective information

from the logger data files. The main objective for executing this routine is to provide hardcopy of

the water quality sample event dates and times that were sensed by the 21 x loggers. These sample

events are needed to establish proper correspondence between stream flow measurements and water

sampling during the data reduction phase. The hardcopy output also provides additional information

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Upon sample delivery, laboratory personnel inventory them and sign off the tracking form. The discrepancies, if any, are noted and discussed with the Field Technician. The discrepancies are resolved by the Project Engineer in consultation with the Field Observer and Field Technician. Tracking sheets are separated by the laboratory manager by sites, each sample is assigned a separate laboratory number, and all samples are assigned a group number. All water samples have a letter prefix before their laboratory number. The samples are numbered by site and in numerical order by field number. The laboratory numbers are recorded on the log-in-sheets. If there are more than 120 samples in a shipment, the samples are separated into two groups. Group numbers consist of two letters (i.e., BA).

Samples are retrieved from the cooler and brought to the laboratory. The samples are separated by site and a laboratory number is recorded on the top and side of each sample. Samples are checked off on the log sheets as they are numbered. If there is more than 1 bottle for a sample (1 field number) a composite sample is needed. A portion from each bottle is added to a clean sample container, the laboratory number, site, and field number are recorded on the new bottle (Detail procedures are included in Appendix D-1)

Any sample irregularities are recorded in the laboratory log-in notebook. After all samples for each shipment have been logged in, the log sheets are assigned a laboratory delivery date and initialed by laboratory personnel. Copies of the original log sheets are made and the originals are passed on to the project engineer. At this time, sample problems are discussed with the Project Engineer, and all decisions on sample status are finalized. Sample numbers and reasons for non-analysis are recorded in the laboratory log-in notebook. After the samples are analyzed, they are stored in a walk-in cooler at 4°C for up to 6 months. The reason for such storage period is to enable the cross-checking of the information recorded on bottles with laboratory, log-in sheets, and electronically collected information (data loggers), if needed. After each semiannual report to the sponsor is completed, the samples are discarded. Sample custody procedures for water quality samples are discussed in detail in Appendix D-1. The tracking information for all samples are logged into the HAS data management system.

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5.0 SAMPLE CUSTODY PROCEDURE

Sample custody procedures for various types of samples and data are described in this section. These

procedures are designed to ensure accountability and sample custody responsibility so that there is

a clear and documented method for the transfer of samples and data between the various laboratories

involved in sample analysis.

5.1 Nutrient Water Samples:

All water quality samples are connected to data loggers which record the sampling time. The Field

Observer, who lives on the watershed, visits all the monitoring stations within 24 hours after a

rainstorm and:

Removes all water quality samples collected within 24 hours of sampling time.

• Labels all samples using the Pre-prepared WQS-L labels (Appendix A).

• Completes field sheets. For nutrient samples, complete field tracking form WQS-1 (Appendix A).

Transfer samples to the appropriate laboratories.

In situations where major storm events occur, the field observer immediately notifies the field

technician who makes a trip solely for transporting the samples to Virginia Tech. Before shipping,

all samples are inventoried and checked-off against the appropriate field tracking forms by the field

technician. Appropriate actions are taken to resolve discrepancies between inventories and field

tracking records by Field Observer and field technicians. All samples are packed in insulated coolers,

iced down, and transported with the original copy of the field tracking form by surface transportation

(usually by the University truck used by the field technician, in some cases, for example the biological

samples, express overnight mail is used.) Nutrient samples and tracking forms are delivered to the

Virginia Tech Water Quality Laboratory at 400 Seitz Hall in Blacksburg. Ms. Carol Ivey of the

Water Quality Laboratory is responsible for inventorying and receiving nutrient samples.

able 4.1 (Continued)						
Fecal Coliform (MPN Tube)	Grab	Monthly	100 ml	Nalgene	Cool 4°C	24 hours
Total Coliform (MPN Tube)	Grab	Monthly	100 ml	Nalgene	Cool 4°C	24 hours
Fecal Streptococci (Membrane filtration)	Grab	Monthly	100 ml	Nalgene	Cool 4°C	24 hours

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Table 4.1 Samplin	g Method, Frequen	Sampling Method, Frequency, Preservation, and Holding Times	Iolding Times			
Analytical Parameters	Collection Method	Collection Frequency	Volume Required	Container Type (polyethylene)	Preservation Method Immediately After Sampling	Maximum Holding Time Prior To Analysis
Ammonia	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	28 days
	Grab	cnange in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		
Nitrate & Nitrite	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	28 days
	Grab	change in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		
Nitrate	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	14 days
:	Grab	cnange in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		48 hours
TKN	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	28 days
	Grab	cnange in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		
Orthophosphate	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Filler, cool 4°C	14 days
. 2 V ²	Grab	cnange in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		48 hours
Total-P	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	28 days
	Grab	cnange in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		
СОБ	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 ml	Isco	Cool 4°C	28 days
	Grab	change in stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		
TSS	Automatic	Every 15 cm	500 m1	Isco	Cool 4°C	14 days
	Grab	Cuange an stage Bi-weekly		Nalgene		7 days

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sampling and analyzed within 24 hours of sampling. The original copy of the field tracking form is

shipped with samples to the laboratory personnel. Upon samples arrival, laboratory personnel will

inventory them, assign lab number, and sign off the tracking form. Any discrepancies are discussed

with the Field Observer. Appendix E details the field procedure for biological sampling and retrieval,

and laboratory analysis developed for Nomini Creek and Owl Run watershed monitoring projects and

will be adapted to this project (Mostaghimi, 1989).

4.4.3 Hydrologic Data: Stream water level recording charts are removed weekly by the Field

Observer. The removal date and time and any equipment malfunctions are noted on each chart.

Water quality samples identification (i.e. numbers) collected during that chart period is recorded on

the back of the stream water level chart. All charts collected are mailed to the project manager.

4.5 Analytical Procedures: The analytical methods for nutrients and biological analysis are

described in Appendix D, and E, respectively. These methods are based on the procedures listed in

the US EPA Methods of the Examination of Water and Wastes and the Standard Methods for the

Examination of Wastewater.

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4.4 Sample Identification and Submission to Laboratory: Standard procedures developed for

the Water Quality Laboratory in the Biological Systems Engineering Department at Virginia Tech will

be followed. Methods for the calibration and maintenance of equipment used in the Water Quality

Laboratory are documented in Appendix C. The purpose of these procedures are to define a regular

schedule for equipment calibration and to instruct laboratory personnel in the correct maintenance

of the laboratory instruments so that all tests can be preformed quickly and correctly. All calibration

and maintenance operations are to be recorded in each piece of equipment's calibration/maintenance

log book.

4.41 Nutrient, Sediment, and COD analysis: The Field Observer labels all samples using the pre-

prepared labels and completes field log sheets (Appendix A) and stores all samples collected by the

automated water samplers and delivers them to VPI&SU soon after their collection. Grab samples

are collected on a weekly basis. Grab samples are placed in a cooler (4°C) immediately after

collection and transported to the Water Quality Laboratory at Virginia Tech.

All collected samples are inventoried and checked-off against the appropriate field tracking forms by

the Field Observer before being transferred to the Water Quality Laboratory. Appropriate action is

taken to resolve discrepancies between inventories and field tracking records. All samples are packed

in insulated coolers, iced down, and transported with the original copy of field tracking form by

surface transportation to the Water Quality Laboratory, Biological Systems Engineering Department,

Virginia Tech.

When samples arrive in the Water Quality Laboratory, they are logged in and assigned a laboratory

number for sample tracking. The Allowable sample holding times, for nutrients, sediment, and COD

are given in Table 4.1. Detailed information for nutrient analysis, data collection, reporting, and

storage are given in Appendix D.

4.4.2 <u>Bacteriological Samples</u>: The Field Observer labels all samples using the pre-prepared labels.

All samples are placed in an insulated container and transported to the laboratory immediately after

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4.0 PROJECT OPERATING PROCEDURES

4.1 Field Sampling: Water will be sampled at all stations for sediment and nutrient analysis.

Sampling for bacteria analysis will be conducted at all stations on a monthly basis. At all stations

samples will be collected by both grab sampling and by automatic water samplers, on a weekly basis

and during major rainfall events, for sediment and nutrient analysis.

At all stations two sampling schedules will be followed for sediment and nutrient measurement. The

first sampling schedule will be initiated by the Field Observer on a weekly basis through the data

loggers. The second sampling schedule will be based on the volume of water flowing in the stream

during storm events. The data logger will be programmed to signal the automatic sampler to take

a composite sample during each rainfall/runoff event. The sampling date and time and the

corresponding stream stage is recorded by the data logger. The Field Observer will collect the

samples within 24 hours of a storm event and send them to the appropriate laboratory at VPI&SU.

4.2 Sampling Containers, Preservation, and Holding Times: Standard procedures established

for the Water Quality Laboratory in the Biological Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech

(Mostaghimi, 1989) and approved by U.S. EPA will be followed for the proposed project. These

procedures are outlined in Tables 4.1, and are presented in Appendix D.

4.3 Field Testing, Calibration, and Preventative Maintenance: Calibration and maintenance

procedures for field equipment are explained in detail in Appendix C. In general, calibration is

preformed on all equipment at installation time and every six months, thereafter. More frequent

calibration may be performed if examination of data suggests an equipment malfunction. Equipment

maintenance, on the other hand, is performed weekly by the field observer and monthly by the project

personnel. Equipment are maintained at a level of or better that the stated QA accuracy (Table 3.1).

Calibration and maintenance operations are recorded in a notebook.

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Table 3.2 (Continued)

Fecal Strep (Membrane	0.0 colonies/100 ml	95% confidence	⟩85%	1 dup. for each sample 1 blank per 5 samples	АРНА 9230
filtration)	·	limit			

^{*} The QA protocol was designed as a minimum allowed QC procedures to follow based on the data quality objectives for this project. This plan was developed using the references listed below. Detection limits are lab values based on the height of recorder noise at maximum sensitivity. (Gas Chromatograph, Dr. H. McNair, 1985 ACS Shortcourse publication).

Handbook for Analytical Quality Control in Water and Wastewater Laboratories, USEPA, 1979.

Handbook of Quality Assurance for the Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, J. P. Dux (VNR Co. Inc.), 1986.

Quality Assurance of Chemical Measurements, J. K. Taylor (Lewis Publ. Inc.), 1987.

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Table 3.2 Data Quality Standards for Laboratory Data.

Parameter	Detection Limit (mg/l)	Percent Recovery	Precision (mg/l)	QC Protocol*	Method
Ammonia (NH, - N)	0.01	98 - 102% гесочегу	± 0.06	1 dup. per 20 samples 1 EPA QA-QC standards per 40 samples 1 spike per 40 samples 1 blank run daily	EPA 350.1
Nitrate (NO ₃ - N	0.05	96 - 100%	± 0.026	dup. per 20 samples EPA QA-QC standards per 40 samples spike per 40 samples blank run daily	EPA 353.2
Orthophosphate (PO ₄ - P)	0.01	89 - 94%	± 0.013 .	1 EPA QA-QC standards per 40 samples 1 spike per 40 samples 1 blank run daily	EPA 365.1
TKN	0.1	97 - 101%	± 0.126	1 dup. per 17.5 samples 2 EPA QA-QC standards per 35 samples 1 blank per 35 samples 1 spike per 35 samples	EPA 351.2
Total-P	0.05	91 - 94%	± 0.056	i dup. per 17.5 samples 2 EPA QA-QC standards per 35 samples I blank per 35 samples I spike per 35 samples	ЕРА 365.1
Total Suspended Solids	0.02	± 5% relative error	± 0.74	I dup. per 40 samples I blank per 40 samples I EPA standard per 200 samples	EPA 160.2
Hardness, total	0.1	95-100%	± 0.5	1 dup. per 40 samples	EPA 130.2
TOC (Carbon, total organic)	0.5	95-100 %	± 0.5	1 dup. per 40 samples	EPA Compatible Method
Fecal/Total Coliform (MPN Tube)	0.0 MPN/100ml	95% confidence limit	95%	1 dup, for each sample 1 blank per five samples	АРНА 9221

Data Quality Standards for Field Data. Table 3.1

Measurement Parameter	Accuracy	Precision	Completeness	Reference Used for Accuracy Calculations
Rainfall	4%	0.01 inch	%08 	laboratory calibrated weights graduated pipette (with an equivalent 0.01" rainfall graduation)
Stage Stream	0.01 foot	0.005 foot	95%	land surveyor's level
Temperature Stream	2.0°C	0.1°C	80%	laboratory grade thermometer with 0.2°C resolution
Time Data Archival	10 minute	1 minute	95%	digital watch referenced to University mainframe clock and observed to be accurate within 1 minute per month
Time of Rainfall samples	10 minutes	1 minute	%06	same as above
Wet Weather Stream Samples	5 minutes	. 1 minute	%06	same as above

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systems in order to ensure data comparability (Young, 1985; Mitchel, 1984, Beasley, 1985).

Standard techniques recommended by Blakensiek et al. (1979) for the initiation and maintenance of

hydrologic/water quality research project is followed. All data collected is reported in units consistent

with other institutions reporting similar information to allow comparability of data bases among

various organizations. The hydrologic/water quality data management system designed for the

watershed will provide data that could be used by other researchers and organizations in evaluation

of nonpoint source pollution control strategies.

3.4 <u>Data Completeness</u>: Data completeness goal, defined as the percent of valid data obtained from

a monitoring station, compared to the amount that is expected to be obtained under normal situations

are given in Table 3.1 and 3.2. If the completeness goal is not met, the missing data is either

estimated form nearby stations, or by regression equations developed for some sites based on the

historical data. In most cases, however, the data collected by the "backup" instrument is used to fill

the data gap. When a decision is made to fill these gaps by estimating values (i.e. from closest

alternate station or regression equations) such information will be tagged as estimated rather than

observed in our data base management system.

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3.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE OBJECTIVES

3.1 <u>Data Accuracy and Precision</u>: The purpose of the QA Plan for the Polecat Creek Watershed project is to provide data of known accuracy and precision. Standard techniques established for initiation and maintenance of hydrologic/water quality monitoring project were described in detail by Mostaghimi (1989) for the Nomini Creek watershed. The QA plan developed for the Nomini Creek watershed project, which was reviewed and approved by EPA, will be followed for the Polecat Creek project. Data Quality Standards for field and laboratory data are presented in Tables 3.1 and 3.2, respectively. The Quality Assurance Procedures are discussed in more detail in Appendix D. Accuracy is estimated by calculating the standard deviation of the differences between the measured and referenced values over a typical range of data (Appendix C). Table 3.1 indicates the reference used in evaluating precision values for various parameters. Precision is calculated in terms of the standard deviation for various measurements (Appendix C). The precision and accuracy of field data are determined on a semi-annual basis. When the established limits (QA/QC established values) are not met, the instrument is recalibrated according to the guidelines provided by the manufacturers and subsequent checks are made to ensure that the instrumentation is functioning properly.

3.2 Data Representative: Station QPE was established to describe the overall water quality draining the Polecat Creek Watershed. Stations QPA, QPB, QPC, and QPD were selected at the outlet of major tributaries in the watershed in order to evaluate the relative contributions of NPS pollutants originating from various areas within the Polecat Creek watershed. Once sufficient large numbers of biological and water chemistry samples are collected at these stations, multivariate analysis of the relationship between biological and chemical water quality will be preformed and predictive equations will be developed. Other sampling sites such as locations selected for precipitation, and raingages were chosen according to the guidelines provided by Brakensiek et al (1979) in order to adequately represent the spatial variability within the watershed.

3.3 <u>Data Comparability</u>: The monitoring strategy and analytical approach for the Polecat Creek Watershed were selected based on the investigator's experience in watershed/water quality monitoring

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plan, b) ensure that all missing data is identified and replaced in accordance to procedures outlined in the QA plan, and c) to archive all data in accordance with the QA plan.

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2.1 Responsibilities: Dr. Mostaghimi of the Department of Biological Systems Engineering,

VPI&SU will serve as the Project Director and Quality Assurance Officer for the project. Dr.

Mostaghimi is a specialist in the areas of nonpoint source pollution control, hydrology, and water

quality engineering. He has authored over 220 technical publications related to various aspects of

soil and water conservation engineering. He will be responsible for conducting quality assurance

program and for taking or recommending corrective actions as required. Dr. Mostaghimi's other

responsibilities will be: a) develop and implement quality control programs, including statistical

procedures and techniques which will meet the desired quality standards, b) monitor quality assurance

activities and determine conformance with policy and procedures and with sound practices, c)

conduct system audits and make appropriate recommendations for corrective actions and

improvements as may be necessary, and d) evaluate data quality and monitor other pertinent

performance information.

P.W. McClellan and Mr. A.D. Davis of the Department of Biological Systems Engineering at

VPI&SU will serve as the Quality Control Officers for the field data collection. Both Mr. McClellan

and Mr. Davis will ensure the maximum integrity of all hydrologic and water quality data collected

by following the procedures outlined in the QA/QC Plan for the project. Their specific

responsibilities will be to ensure that: a) all field equipment is calibrated routinely, b) field technicians

and field observers are trained on the proper procedures to be followed for sampling and recording,

c) all field equipment calibrations, sample handling and shipping are documented and available to the

QC officer for his review, d) all field data is transferred and validated according to procedures

outlined in the QA plan, and e) all data is reduced according to the QA Plan and reported to the QA

officer on a regular basis.

Mr P.W. McClellan and Mr. J.C. Carr of the Department of Biological Systems Engineering at

VPI&SU will serve as the Quality Control Officers for data reduction and analysis. Both Mr.

McClellan and Mr. Carr have extensive backgrounds in hydrologic data reduction and analysis. They

are responsible for ensuring the integrity of all processed data. Their specific responsibilities will be

to: a) ensure that all hydrologic data is processed in accordance to procedures outlined in the QA

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2.0 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

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1.7 Products Produced: Data summaries will be compiled and progress reports will be submitted to the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department on a semi-annual basis. Intermediate findings will be presented through research reports and presentations will be made at professional meetings. A final report will be submitted within six months after the project's completion.

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Maintenance of all monitoring stations and collection and shipment (delivery) of samples will be the

responsibility of the Field Observer. The Field Observer will be trained and his/her specific

responsibilities will be outlined in a comprehensive field manual. A complete description of sites'

locations and the equipment in use at each of the sites is given in Table 3.1.

1.4 Schedule of Tasks:

1.5 <u>Data Evaluation</u>: Water samples will be collected from each site, weekly and during each major

storm event, with the exception of bacteria samples which will be collected once a month from all

sites. A database management system developed at the Biological Systems Engineering Department

will be used for storage, manipulation, and retrieval of the collected information. The system includes

routines for error checking, data reduction, data summary, graphics and report generation.

Interactive programming techniques is used to allow rapid access to any data type for selected time

periods. The data collected from Polecat Creek Watershed will be organized in standard formats and

archived for future use. Appropriate statistical procedures will be used to identify trends in the water

quality data collected over the life of the project.

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Table 1.1 (continued) Polecat Creek Watershed Monitoring Sites

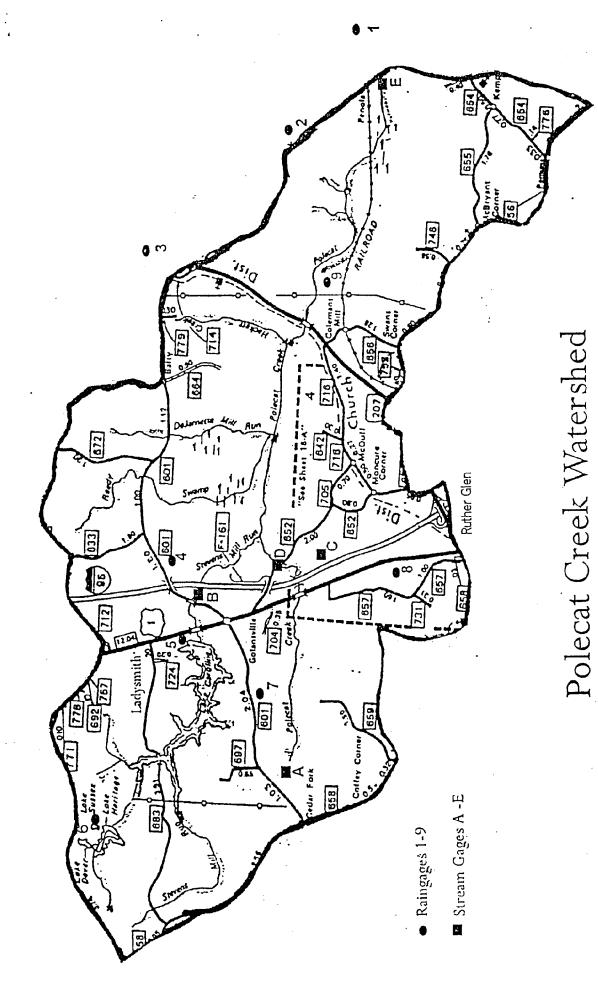
Site	Location	Equipment Description
Name		
TP1	(the weather station)	Soil Temperature at 0.5 foot depth
TP2	(the weather station)	Soil Temperature at 1.0 foot depth
QPA	On Cedar Fork Road (Rt.	Stream gage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage)
	601)	and water quality sampling (one automatic water
		quality sampler)
QPB	Close to Smith Farm, off	Stream gage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage)
	of Rt. 601, between US	and water quality sampling (one automatic water
	Rt. 1 and US Interstate 95	quality sampler)
QPC	On Mr. Atkinson's Farm	Stream gage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage)
	close to US Interstate 95,	and water quality sampling (one automatic water
	accessed from Rt. 652	quality sampler)
QPD	On Mr. Atkinson's Farm	Stream gage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage)
	off of Rt. 652	and water quality sampling (one automatic water
		quality sampler)
QPE	Watershed outlet, off of	Stream gage (one analog, one digital, one staff gage)
	Rt. 601	and water quality sampling (one automatic water
		quality sampler)

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Table 1.1. Polecat Creek Watershed Monitoring Sites

Site	Location	Equipment Description
Name		
PP1	Smith sand and gravel	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
	quarry	
PP2	Coleman Farm	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
PP3	Caroline Co. Middle	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
	School	
PP4	Smith Farm	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
PP5	Lake Caroline	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
PP6	Lake Land Or'	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
PP7	On cut over forest land off	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
	of Cedar Fork Road	
PP8	Waste water treatment	Precipitation, one digital and one standard gage
	facility (the weather	
	station)	
PP9	(the weather station)	Precipitation, one digital, one analog, one standard
		gage, one snow depth, and rain quality sampler
TP9	(the weather station)	Ambient ait tempreture, one analog and digital gage,
		and a max/min thermometer
HP9	(the weather station)	Ambient air humidity, one analog and one digital gage
DP9	(the weather station)	Wind direction, one digital gage
WP9	(the weather station)	Wind speed, one digital gage
EP9	(the weather station)	Pan Evaporation, one analog and one digital gage
SP9	(the weather station)	Solar radiation, one digital gage
CP9	(the weather station)	Soil Moisture at 0.5 foot depth
СРА	(the weather station)	Soil Moisture at 1.0 foot depth

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will be collected on a weekly basis. In addition, composite samples from storm events will also be collected from all stations. All samples will be analyzed for sediment and various forms of nutrient listed in the following paragraph. Samples will also be collected from all stations, on a monthly basis for analysis of bacteria.

The following analysis will be conducted on the samples collected form the watershed:

- 1. Total suspended solids
- 2. Nitrate and nitrite nitrogen
- 3. Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
- 5. Total nitrogen
- 6. Ortho-phosphorus
- 7. Total phosphorus
- 8. Carbon, total organic (TOC)
- 9. Hardness, total
- 10. Fecal coliform bacteria
- 11. Fecal streptococci bacteria
- 12. Total coliform bacteria
- 13. pH (field monitoring)
- 14. Dissolved Oxygen (field monitoring)
- 15. Temperature (field monitoring)
- 16. Conductivity (field monitoring)

Automatic water quality samplers will be installed at each runoff monitoring site to evaluate the NPS pollutant loadings during storm events. Cross-sectional survey of all sites will be performed and stream gauges (analog and digital) as well as staff gages will be installed to estimate the quantity of water flowing at all stations. The staff gages will be read by the Field Observer on weekly basis. Nine precipitation (rainguage) monitoring stations will also be installed at different locations within the watershed to monitor the rainfall amounts and intensity during the life of the project.

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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 Need for Project: The Polecat Creek Watershed, located in south-central Caroline County of Virginia, was selected for this project due to its likely conversion from a rural watershed to predominantly urban watershed with in the next ten years. The 30,000 acre basin is located within the Interstate 95 corridor between Richmond, Virginia and Washington, D.C. as well as at

headwaters of the Mattaponit River which is part of the York River system.

Currently, the predominant land cover in the watershed is forest, followed by open fields and pastureland, but two thirds of the watershed is designated a primary growth area in the Caroline County comprehensive plan. The Polecat Creek Watershed also includes some environmentally sensitive areas including wetlands and potential habitat for endangered species. Approximately, 2,433 acres of wetlands and waterbodies are located within the watershed, as well as 5,234 acres of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (Resource Protection Areas) buffering the wetlands and waterbodies. The watershed presents the habitat requirements for three plant species listed by the U.S. Federal Government as threatened or endangered species. Therefore, there is a great need to describe the efficacy of existing and emerging land use regulations and policies in protecting adjacent water quality during urban development activities.

1.2 Objectives: The goal of the Polecat Creek Watershed monitoring project is to describe the efficacy of existing and emerging land use regulations and polices in protecting adjacent water quality during urban development activities. A nonpoint source monitoring system is designed and

established in the watershed to facilitate the achievement of the above-stated goal.

1.3 Experimental Design: A nonpoint source monitoring program is established in the watershed. The system consists of 5 runoff, 9 rainfall and one weather monitoring station(s) and are described in Table 1.1. The location of various monitoring stations are indicated in Figure 1. The monitoring system is designed to identify spatial contribution of NPS pollutants from various tributaries within the Polecat Creek watershed. Automatic and Grab water quality samples from all 5 runoff stations

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INTRODUCTION

This report details work conducted from October 1, 1994 through March 30, 1995 on the biomonitoring network of the Water Quality Monitoring Program designed by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) for the Polecat Creek watershed. Quarterly samples will be continued through the spring and summer of 1995 under a 1994 NOAA Coastal Zone Management Program grant. The data presented in this report will be added to those additional data collected for an annual assessment of biotic integrity.

The objective of the work was to provide a biological assessment, utilizing macroinvertebrate and fish communities, as well as an assessment of channel and riparian habitat of existing water quality in streams throughout the watershed. Ultimately, the study will provide a data base to enable detection of changes in water quality brought about by changes in land use. Meeting these objectives will enhance our ability to determine the efficacy of landuse regulations designed to protect water quality from changes that might occur during and after altered land use in the watershed.

SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Trend monitoring sites (Table 1) exhibited physico-chemical characteristics that were typical of streams of the lower piedmont and upper coastal plain in the mid-Atlantic region (Smock and Gilinsky 1992; Garman and Nielson 1992). The substrate at most sites was a mixture of sand and gravel, with occasional cobble and bedrock in areas of moderate gradient. Sites ranged in size from first- (e.g. site A; YOP1A) to fourth-order (Mattaponi River, R;YOP4R). Two sites (Reedy Swamp, F; YOP2F and site W;YOP2W) exhibited extensive nontidal wetlands, and were selected to represent this potentially important habitat type. Reference sites (Table 1) were chosen to represent "least impaired" conditions (Karr et.al. 1986) across a range of stream orders, based on extensive field surveys for relatively undisturbed locations. In one case (site H: Higgins Stream), a suitable first-order reference stream could not be located within the York River drainage and a site in Surry County was selected.

In order to manipulate data within a computer database, each site was given a standardized, hierarchical code that uniquely identified collections. The first two characters identify the drainage name (e.g. YO=York rive

Table 1. Study site descriptions for biological/habitat trend monitoring and reference locations. The CBLAD and VCU site codes are provided in parentheses following the site name; interpretation of site codes is provided in the text.

Stream	Description
Monitoring Sites	
Polecat Creek (A; YOP1A)	at Rt. 601, south of Lake Caroline; first order
Stevens Mill Run (B; YOP2B)	at Rt. 601, outfall from Lake Caroline; second order
Unnamed tributary (C; YOP2C)	on Atkinson property and adjacent to I-95; second order
Polecat Creek (D; YOP3D)	at Rt. 652; third order
Polecat Creek (E; YOP5D)	at Rt. 601 near Penola, Virginia; third order
Reedy Swamp (F; YOP2F)	at Rt. 601, a tributary of Polecat Creek exhibiting extensive nontidal wetlands; second order
Mattaponi River (R; YOP4R)	at the confluence with Polecat Creek; fourth order
Reference Sites	
Higgins Stream (H; CHH1A)	southeast of Waverly, Surry County, Virginia; first order
Unnamed tributary (W; YOP2W)	at Rt. 658, north of Partlow, Virginia; second order stream exhibiting extensive nontidal wetlands; Spotsylvania County
South River (S; YOP2S)	at Rt. 603, second order
Matta River (M; YOP3M)	at Rt. 632, third order

drainage), the third character identifies the steam name within that drainage (e.g. YOP=Polecat Creek), and the fourth character indicates steam order (e.g. YOP1=1st order), and the final character provides the site name (e.g. YOP1A=site A of the Polecat Creek system). A date string (mm/dd/yy) follows the site designation and uniquely identifies an individual collection (e.g. YOP1A060294). Throughout the appendices, collections are identified by these codes.

BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATES

METHODS

Methodology for the analysis of benthic macroinvertebrate communities followed the procedure of the Environmental Protection Agency's Rapid Bioassessment Protocol III (RBP; Plafkin et al. 1989) with some enhancements. RBP III was chosen because its greater level of taxonomic resolution (genus versus family level) provides a better discrimination of degrees of water quality among sites.

The PRB III protocol calls for sampling benthic invertebrates in the most productive habitat in a set of streams. This usually is the riffle-run habitat. Not all of the streams in the Polecat Creek drainage, however, have a well developed riffle-run geomorphology. In such cases, the protocol and subsequent modifications for low-gradient streams suggest sampling submerged wood, which provides a stable substrate and often supports high invertebrate productivity (Benke et al. 1984, Smock et al. 1985). In order to provide the most complete biomonitoring data within the framework of the RBP protocol, we sampled both riffles-runs (hereafter referred to as the sediment) and submerged wood and analyzed the data from each separately. We thus have two independent estimates of water quality using benthic invertebrates.

Sampling Protocol

Sampling was conducted quarterly over the year, thereby providing a comprehensive seasonal baseline data set. Sampling of the sediment was accomplished with a net (mesh size = $425 \mu m$) in both riffles, when present, and in cobble and pebble runs. The top layer of rocks was disturbed and large rocks were then rubbed by hand to remove closely attached organisms. All samples from the sediment at a given station were composited into one sample.

Wood samples consisted of invertebrates adhering to the surfaces of logs submerged in the stream. Logs that clearly had been only recently submerged were avoided. The surfaces of the logs were washed into a bucket and a visual examination for adhering organisms was made. All samples from individual logs at a given station were composited into one sample.

Sampling of coarse particulate organic matter (CPOM) is required for one of the RBP metrics. We sampled leaf packs in debris dams and on the sediment surface. Recently submerged leaves were avoided. During the summer, when leaf packs were rare, we sampled whatever aggregations of processed leaf litter were present.

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All samples (sediment, wood and CPOM) were preserved in the field with isopropyl alcohol. Invertebrates were removed from the sample under a stereo-microscope after addition of Rose Bengal to facilitate the sorting process. The first 200 organisms randomly picked from the samples were identified and thus constituted the data base for calculating the metrics for a given station. Invertebrates in the CPOM samples were simply designated as shredders or non-shredders. All functional feeding group designations were made according to information in Merritt and Cummins (1984) and Pennak (1989).

There are no standard protocols for rapid bioassessment in wetlands using benthic invertebrates. Problems encountered in the bioassessment of wetlands include the lack of any tested metrics using invertebrates and the necessity for a standard habitat that is easily sampled but also is representative of substrates in the wetlands system.

We used an artificial substrate to provide a common substrate in both the reference and study wetlands. Since macrophytes are an important substrate for invertebrates in marsh wetlands, we used artificial macrophytes based on the design of Gilinsky (1984). They were constructed of braided polypropylene rope (6 mm diameter) that floats within the water column. Each substrate, consisting of 144 strands of 41 cm long rope attached to a base of netting, was held in the water column on a metal frame driven into the sediment. Four substrates were placed at each wetland site for several months prior to the initial sampling. The substrates were sampled by lifting them out of the water column, washing the rope strands into a bucket, passing the material through a sieve and preserving the sample. The substrate was then placed into the wetland for sampling the following quarter.

Data Analysis

The RBP III uses eight criteria for the analysis of stream condition at a site. All eight metrics were calculated for the sediment samples. Metric #8, which used the data from the CPOM samples, was not included in the analysis of the wood samples. Using those data for both the sediment and wood analyses would violate the assumption of independence of the data for future statistical analyses comparing the sediment and wood samples.

- 1. Taxa richness the total number of taxa identified.
- Modified Hilsenhoff Biotic Index (HBI) provides a quantitative assessment of the tolerance of
 each invertebrate taxon to general water quality degradation.

$$HBI = \sum (x_i t_i/n)$$

where $x_i = number of individuals of taxon i in a sample;$

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 t_i = tolerance value for taxon t

n = total number of organisms in the sample.

The RBP document (Plafkin et al. 1989) provides tolerance values for some species, but they were derived for species in the western Great Lakes states and New York. To provide tolerance values that are regionally more accurate, we primarily used values developed and tested by the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management (Lenat 1993). Tolerance values for some taxa not listed by Lenat (1993) were taken form Plafkin et al. (1989); values for a few rare taxa for which no values have been published were estimated based on the PI's experience in using invertebrates for water quality assessment.

- Ratio of scrapers to collector-filterers the total number of individuals of taxa designated as scrapers divided by the total number of individuals of taxa designated as collector-filterers.
- Ratio of EPT's to chironomids the total number of individuals of taxa of Ephemeroptera (mayflies, Plecoptera (stoneflies) and Trichoptera (caddisflies) divided by the total number of Chironmidae.
- Percent contribution of the dominant taxon the number of individuals of the most abundant taxon divided by the total number of individuals.
- 6. EPT index the total number of taxa of Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Tichoptera.
- 7. Community loss index a measure of community similarity, measuring the difference in the taxonomic composition between the study station and the reference station:

Community Loss Index = b - a

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where a = number of taxa common to both stations;

b = total number of taxa in the reference station sample;

- c = total number of taxa in the test station sample.
- Ration of shredders to total taxa the number of shredders divided by the total number of individuals in the CPOM sample.

Following calculation of the eight metrics, a Biological Condition Score is assigned to each metric based on comparison of the metric score for the study station to that of the reference station (Table 3). Biological

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Table 3. Biological condition scoring criteria for RBP III metrics (Plafkin et al. 1989).

		Biolog	ical Condition Sco	ring Criteria	
	Metric	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
1.	Taxa Richness**	>80%	60-80%	40-60%	<40%
2.	Hilsenhoff Biotic Index (modified)**	>85%	70-85%	50-70%	<50%
3.	Ration of Scrapers/Filterers Collectors***	>50%	35-50%	20-35 %	<20%
4.	Ratio of EPT and Chironomid Abundances**	>75%	50-75%	25-50%	<25%
5.	% Contribution of Dominant Taxon**	<20%	20-30%	30-40 %	>40%
6.	EPT Index™	>90%	80-90%	70-80%	>70%
7.	Community Loss Index*	<0.5	0.5-1.5	1.5-4.0	>4.0
8.	Ratio of Shredders/Total ***	>50%	35-50%	20-35%	<20%

Score is a ratio of study site to reference site X 100.

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Determination of Functional Feeding group is independent of taxonomic grouping.

Scoring criteria evaluate actual percent contribution, not percent comparability to the reference station.

Range of values obtained. A comparison to the reference station is incorporated in these indices.

Condition Scores for each metric are then summed and a Biological Condition Category is assigned for the study station based on the percent comparability with the reference station score (Table 4).

Only a subset of the eight metrics are appropriate for analysis of the data from the wetlands station: taxa a richness, percent contribution of dominant taxon, community loss index and the HBI. Those four metrics were sued to compare the study station to the reference wetlands station.

Quality Assurance

Quality assurance protocols followed those detailed by Tingler (1993). Appropriate chain of custody procedures were employed for the samples. All samples are permanently archived at the Aquatic Ecology Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University. All data were checked for transcriptional errors following their entry into the computer data base. Copies of the field and laboratory data sheets are archived in files at Virginia Commonwealth University. Replicate sampling and sample processing were conducted to check the accuracy of the field collection efforts. A 10% acceptance criteria was used for those samples. Data from the replicate sampling were used solely to meet quality assurance objectives; they are included in the archived data base but were not used as part of the metric assessment calculations. Additionally, a laboratory audit, with an acceptance criteria of 10%, was conducted on 5% of the benthic samples, thereby validating taxonomic identification and numbers of individuals in those samples.

Table 4. Bioassessment categories based on percent comparability of study stream to reference stream (Plafkin et al. 1989).

BIOASSESSMENT

% Comparability to Reference		
Score *	Category	Attributes
>83%	Nonimpaired	Comparable to the best situation to be expected within an ecoregion. Balanced trophic structure (composition and dominance) for stream size and habitat quality.
54 - 79%	Slightly impaired	Community structure less than expected. Composition (species richness) lower than expected due to loss of some intolerant forms.
21 - 50%	Moderately impaired	Fewer species due to loss of most intolerant forms. Reduction in EPT index.
<17%	Severely impaired	Few species present. If high densities of organisms, then dominated by one or two taxa.

Percentage values obtained that are intermediate to the above ranges will require subjective judgement as to the correct placement. Use of the habitat assessment and physicochemical data may be necessary to aid in the decision process.

STREAM FISH ASSESSMENTS

METHODS

Methodology for the analysis of stream communities generally followed the procedures of the Environmental Protection Agency's Rapid Bioassessment Protocol, and specifically the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI; Karr 1981; Plafkin et al. 1989). Because of regional differences in fish assemblage structure and zoogeography, IBI metrics were modified to be most appropriate for the Polecat Creek watershed (York River drainage), but are equivalent in approach and design to those originally proposed by Karr (1981) and Karr et al (1989). The following fish community metrics and scoring criteria for the IBI were developed using a variety of sources, including distributional references (e.g. Hocutt et al 1986; Garman and Nielsen 1992; Jenkins and Burkhead 1994; Weaver and Garman 1994) and were reviewed by regional fishery biologists and ichthyologists:

Metric 1 Species richness Total number of native species in the sample, not including hybrids or introduced species. A total of 49 nonmigratory species and 13 diadromous/estuarine species are possible within the drainage; sampling by VCU has already collected 40 species from Polecat monitoring and reference sites. The number of introduced (i.e., non-native) species will be considered in another metric.

Score	1	2	5
1st/2nd order	≤4	5-7	≥8
3rd/4th order	≤8	9-11	≥12

Metric 2 Total individuals Total number of individuals in sample, expressed as catch per unit effort (CPUE), where effort is backpack electrofishing time (minutes).

Score	1	2	5
all orders	≤30	31-60	≥61

Metric 3 Darter species Total number of darter (Etheostoma & Percina spp. only for York drainage) species per sample. Four species are possible.

Score	1	2	5
1st/2nd order	0	1-2	≥3
3rd/4th order	1	2-3	4

Metric 4 Sunfish species Total number of centrarchid species, exclusive of Micropterus spp.; 12 species (native and introduced) possible from the York drainage.

Score	1	2	5
1st/2nd order	≤1	2-4	≥5
3rd/4th order	≤2	3-7	≥8

Metric 5 Sucker species Total number of catastomid species in the sample; four species possible form the York drainage.

Score	1	2	5
1st/2nd order	0	1-2	≥3
3rd/4th order	≤1	2-3	4

Metric 6 Intolerant species Total number of species, per sample classified as "intolerant" of degraded stream conditions. Intolerant species will include: <u>Lampetra appendix</u>, <u>L. aepytera</u>, northern hogsucker (<u>Hypentelium nigricans</u>), tadpole madtom, shield darter, stripeback darter.

Score	1	2	5
1st/2nd order	0	1-2	≥3
3rd/4th order	≤1	2-3	≥4

Metric 7 Tolerant species Percentage of individuals classified as "tolerant" of degraded conditions. This metric will use the relative abundance of a guild of species to replace "green sunfish" metric of Karr (1981), as suggested by Karr et al. (1986). Tolerant species will include: golden shiner, pumpkinseed sunfish, bluegill, creek chubsucker, brown bullhead, yellow bullhead, and tesselated darter.

Score	1	2	5
1st/4th order	<10	10-25	>25

Metric 8 Omnivorous species Percentage of individuals per sample classified as omnivorous; species will include: common carp (Cyprinus carpio), Nocomis spp., white sucker (Catastomous commersoni), channel catfish, and bluntnose minnow.

Metric 9 Insectivorous cyprinids Percentage of cyprinid individuals per sample classified as insectivorous; species will include: satinfin shiner, swallowtail shiner, common shiner, comely shiner, rosyface shiner, bridle shiner, rosyside dace.

Score	1	2	5
1st/4th order	<20	20-45	>45

Metric 10 Piscivores Percentage of individuals per sample classified as facultative piscivores (apex predators); species will include: redfin pickerel, chain pickerel, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie.

Score	1	2	5
1st/4th order	<1	1-5	>5

Metric 11 Introduced species Percentage of individuals per sample classified as non-indigenous species. Hocutt and Wiley (1986) report 12 introduced species form the York drainage. This metric replaces the "hybrid" metric of Karr (1981) because hybrid identifications are often problematic, especially in the field. Moreover, the numerical dominance of exotic taxa in disturbed ecosystems is well-documented in the literature. Both the new "introduced" metric and the old "hybrid" metric influence the overall IBI score most significantly under "poor" and "fair" stream conditions.

Score	1	2	5
1st/4th order	>5	1-5	<1

Metric 12 Anomalies Percentage of individuals per sample exhibiting external parasites, infections, or skeletal abnormalities.

Score	1	2	5
1st/4th order	>5	2-5	<2

Stream fish communities were sampled by backpack and modified boat electrofishing during Fall 1995, following standard fisheries protocols. Fish were identified to species in the field by Mr. Mark King or Dr. Greg Garman; small voucher collections for each species were placed into VCU's Fish Collection. Data were entered into VCU's computer data base, which has been developed to calculate IBI metrics and scores for individual collections. All activities followed the Quality Assurance Project Plan prepared by CBLAD (Tingler 1994).

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APPENDIX A

Numbers of macroinvertebrates collected

Table 1. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter SP= spring; SU= summer.

STATION A

-i.v.		SED	IMEN	T	WOOD			
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Ephemeroptera	<u> </u>							
Baetidae								
Baetis spp.								
Leptophlebiidae								
Paraleptophlebia sp.	1							
Plecoptera								
Nemouridae								
Amphinemura wui								
Prostoia sp.								
Perlodidae (immature)	1							
Trichoptera								
Limnephilidae								
Pycnopsyche spp.								
Phryganeidae					,			
Ptilostomis sp.	1							
Polycentropodidae								
Polycentropus sp.								
Psychomylidae								
Lype diversa								
Rhyacophilidae								
Rhyacophila sp.								
Lepidoptera	1							
Coleoptera								
Elmidae								
Dubiraphia sp.	•							
Megaloptera								
Sialidae								
Sialis sp.	1							

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TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
Diptera								<u></u>	
Chaoboridae									
Chaoborus sp.	•								
Chironomidae	143	36				123			
Ceratopogonidae	2								
Palpomyia spp.						3			
Culicidae									
Culex sp.									
Empididae	1			,					
Hemerodromia sp.		,							
Ephydridae									
Simuliidae		207							
Tabanidae									
Tabanus sp.	1								
Tipulidae									
Antocha sp.		2							
Limonia sp.	3								
Pilaria sp.									
Isopoda									
Asellidae									
Caecidotea sp.	2	5							
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.	4	10				3			
Decapoda									
Cambaridae	1								
Hydracarina	1								
Gastropoda									
Planorbidae									
Gyraulus sp.									
Bivalvia									
Sphaeriidae									٠
Pisidium sp.									
Annelida									
Oligochaetae	2	2							
Hirudinea						1			

Table 2. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

STATION B

		SEDIN	MENT			woo	D	
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Ephemeroptera								
Baetidae								
Baetis spp.	1							
Ephemerellidae								
Eurylophella temporalis		1						
Heptageniidae								
Stenonema sp.	91	66			30	1		
Odonata								
Corduliidae								
Helocordula sp.								
Plecoptera								
Nemouridae								
Prostoia sp.	1							
Perlidae								
Perlesta sp.								
Perlodidae								
Isoperla spp.								
Taeniopterygidae								
Taeniopteryx spp.	4	1						
Trichoptera					•			
Hydropsychidae								
Chematopsyche sp.	12	13			40	1		
Hydropsyche sp.	8				6			
Hydroptilidae								
Hydroptila sp.								
Oxythira sp.						11		
Lepidostomatidae								
Lepidostoma sp.								
Philopotamidae								
Chimarra sp.	35	5			57	C		•

SEDIMENT

WOOD

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
Tricoptera					-				
Polycentropodidae	-								
Polycentropus sp.							1		
Coleoptera									
Elmidae									
Ancyronyx sp.						1			
Dubiraphia sp.	1								
Macronychus glabratus		1				8			
Diptera									
Ceratopogonidae									
Culicoides sp.									
Chaoboridae .		2							
Chaoborus punctapenni	2					1			
Chironomidae	46	35				27	89		
Empididae									
Hemerodromia sp.						2			
Simuliidae	10	55				4	4		
Tipulidae									
Tipula abdominalis	3	2				3			
Isopoda									
Asselidae									
Caecidotea sp.						1			
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.	2								
Decapoda									
Cambaridae	1								
Ostracoda									
Hydracarina	2								
Gastropoda									
Physidae									
Physa sp.									
Planordidae									
Gyraulus sp.						1			

SEDIMENT WOOD **TAXON** FA WI SP SU FA WI SP SU Bivalvia Sphaeriidae Pisidium sp. Sphaerium sp. 1 Annelida Oligochaetae

Table 3. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

STATION C

	-	SEDI	MENT		WOOD			
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	su	FA	WI	SP	SU
Ephemeroptera								
Caenidae								
Caenis sp.								
Odonata								
Coenagrionidae								
Plecoptera								
Capniidae								
Allocapnia sp.	1							
Chloroperlidae								
Suwallia sp.								
Leuctridae								
Leuctra sp.								
Nemouridae								
Amphinemura wui								
Prostoia sp.	7							
Perlidae					•			
Eccoptura Xanthenes	1							
Perlodidae	1							
Isoperia spp.								
Taeniopterygidae								
Taeniopteryx sp.	2				1			
Trichoptera								
Hydropsychidae						11		
Chematopsyche sp.	11							
Hydroptilidae								
Hydroptila sp.								
Leptoceridae								
Ceraclea					1			
Nectopsyche sp.	1				1			
Polycentropodidae					•			
Polycentropus sp.								
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SEDIMENT

WOOD

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	su	FA	WI	SP	SU
Tricoptera								
Psychomyiidae								
Lype diversa	-					20		
Coleoptera								
Elmidae								
Ancyronyx sp.					2			
Macronychus glabratus					2	1		
Stenelmis sp.								
Megaloptera								
Sialidae								
Sialis sp.					1	•		
Diptera								
Ceratopogonidae								
Palpomyia spp.								
Chironomidae	119				146	167		
Empididae								
Simuliidae						7		
Tipulidae								
Hexatoma sp.								
Tipula abdominalis	2				4			
Amphipoda								
Gammaridae								
Gammarus sp.	3				1	7		
Ostracoda								
Hydracarina	4							
Gastropoda								
Physidae								
Physa sp.						3		
Bivalvia								
Sphaeriidae								
Pisidium sp.	4					8		
Sphaerium sp.	1							
Unionidae								
Elliptio complanata								
Annelida								
Oligochaetae						1		
Nematoda								

Table 4. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

STATION D

		SEDI	NENT			WOOD					
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU		
Ephemeroptera -					-						
Baetidae											
Baetis spp.	5	10					2				
Pseudocloeon sp.							, 1				
Caenidae											
Caenis sp.	3										
Ephemerellidae											
Ephemerella sp.	22					9					
Eurylophella temporalis	11					12					
Seratella sp.											
Heptageniidae											
Stenonema modestum	1					1					
Leptophlebiidae											
Paraleptophlebia sp.											
Oligoneuridae											
Isonychia sp.		1									
Odonata											
Calopterygidae											
Calopteryx sp.		1			•						
Plecoptera											
Capniidae									•		
Aliocapnia sp.						2					
Chloroperlidae											
Haploperla sp.	3						·				
Leuctridae											
Leuctra sp.	•										
Nemouridae				•							
Amphinemura wui											
Prostoia sp.											
Perlidae											
Eccoptura xanthenes	2	6									
Perlesta sp.			•								
Perlinella sp.	1										

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Plecoptera								
Perlodidae	•					2		
Clioperla clio		1						
Isoperla spp.		3	•			2		
Taeniopterygidae								
Taeniopteryx spp.	7	1				3		
Trichoptera								
Hydropsychidae								
Chematopsyche sp.	10	12						
Hydropsyche sp.	2	2						
Hydroptilidae								
Hydroptila sp.		,						
Lepidostomatidae								
Lepidostoma sp.								
Leptoceridae								
Ceraclea sp.	1				2			
Nectopsyche sp.					1			
Oecetis sp.		1						
Odontoceridae								
Psilotreta sp.	1							
Philopotamidae								
Chimarra sp.	1							
Polycentropodidae								
Nyctiophylax sp.					1	1		
Polycentropus sp.								
Psychomyiidae								
Lype diversa	1				21	10		
Rhyacophilidae								
Rhyacophila sp.		1						
Coleoptera								
Elmidae								
Ancyronyx variegatus					2			
Dubiraphia sp.	4							
Macronychus glabratus					5			
Stenelmis sp.								
Oulimnius sp.					1			

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
Megaloptera					-				
Corydalidae									
Nigronia serricornis									
Sialidae									
Sialis sp.	1								
Diptera									
Ceratopogonidae									
Culicoides sp.	3								
Palpomyia spp.	7					1			
Chironomidae	81	16				195	62		
Empididae									
Simuliidae		226					126		
Tipulidae									
Antocha sp.									
Hexatoma sp.	1								
Tipula abdominalis							1		
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.	2	1				1	2		
Decapoda									
Ostracoda									
Hydracarina	3								
Gastropoda									
Planorbidae									
Gyraulus sp.						1			
Physidae									
Physa sp.						4	1		
Bivalvia									
Sphaeriidae									
Pisidium sp.									
Sphaerium sp.						1			

Table 5. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

STATION E

	-	SEDI	MENT			WOOD				
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	su	
Ephemeroptera					-					
Baetidae										
Baetis spp.	1									
Ephemerellidae										
Ephemerella sp.	1									
Eurylophella temporalis	1	2					1			
Heptageniidae										
Stenonema modestum										
Leptophlebildae										
Leptophlebia sp.		5								
Paraleptophlebia sp.	7									
Odonata										
Coenagrionidae (immature)		•							
Plecoptera	•									
Nemouridae										
Nemoura sp.										
Prostoia sp.							1			
Perlidae										
Clioperla clio		1								
Taeniopterygidae										
Taeniopteryx spp.										
Trichoptera										
Hydropsychidae										
Chematopsyche sp.								,		
Hydropsyche sp.										
Hydroptilidae										
Hydroptila sp.										
Lepidostomatidae										
Lepidostoma sp.										
Leptoceridae										
Oecetis sp.						1				

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Tricoptera					-			-
Limnephilidae					1			
Pycnopsyche spp.	•							
Philopotamidae								
Chimarra sp.								
Polycentropodidae								
Neureclipsis sp.								
Nyctiophylax sp.						1		
Polycentropus sp.	5	3			1			
Psychomyiidae								
Lype diversa					5			
Coleoptera								
Dytiscidae								
Hydroporous sp.	10	7						
Elmidae								
Ancyronyx variegatus					4			
Duberaphia sp.	1							
Macronychus glabratus								
Steneimis sp.	1				1			
Gyrinidae								
Dineutus sp.								
Gyrinis sp.								
Megaloptera								
Sialidae								
Sialis sp.		1						
Diptera								
Ceratopogonidae								
Culicoides sp.		-			2			
Palpomyia spp.	4				1	1		
Chironomidae	83	112			86	169		
Empididae								
Simuliidae		1			1	4		
Tabanidae								
Chrysops sp.					1			
Tabanus sp.		1						
Tipulidae								
Tipula abdominalis								

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	su
Isopoda								
Asellidae								
Caecidotea sp.	1	1						
Amphipoda								
Gammaridae								
Gammarus sp.		1			1			
Decapoda								
Cambaridae	1							
Hydracarina								
Gastropoda								
Physidae								
Physa sp.	1							
Bivalvia								
Sphaeriidae								
Sphaerium sp.	3	•						
Pisidium sp.		5						
Annelida	9							
Oligochaetae		2				7		

Table 6. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

SITE F

ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU
Ephemeroptera				
Baetidae				
Baetis spp.		1		
Heptageniidae				
Stenonemo modestum		12		
Odonata				
Coenagrionidae				
Enallagma		1		
Plectoptera				
Nemouridae				
Prostoia sp.		1		
Perlodidae				
Clioperla clio		1		
Taeniopterygidae				
Taeniopteryx spp.		1		
Dytiscidae				
Laccornis sp				
Trichoptera				
Hydropsychidae				
Chematopsyche sp.		2		
Leptoceridae				
Ceraclea		1		
Phryganeidae				
Ptilostomis sp.		3		
Polycentropodidae				
Phylocentropus sp.	2			
Polycentropus.sp.		1		
Megaloptera				
Sialidae				
Sialis sp.	3			

ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU
Diptera				
Chironomidae	124	282		
Ceratopogonidae				
Culicoides sp.				
Palpomyia spp.	9			
Simuliidae		50		
Tipulidae				
Ormosia sp.				
Tipula sp.		1		
Isopoda				
Asellidae				
Caecidotea sp.				
Amphipoda				
Gammaridae				
Gammarus sp.	2	4		
Bivalvia				
Sphaeriidae				
Pisidium sp.				
Annelida	14			
Oligochaetae		9		

Table 7. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

SOUTH RIVER

	-	SEDI	MENT			WOOD					
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU		
Ephemeroptera					-			·····			
Baetidae											
Baetis spp.	29					6					
Caenidae											
Caenis sp.						1					
Ephemerellidae											
Ephemerella sp.	1										
Eurylophella temporalis						2					
Heptageniidae											
Stenacron interpunctatum						35					
Stenonema modestum	41					7	2				
Oligoneuridae											
Isonychia sp.											
Odonata											
Calopterygidae											
Calopteryx sp.						1					
Coenagrionidae											
Enallagma sp.	1					2					
Gomphidae											
Progomphus obscurus											
Plecoptera											
Capniidae											
Allocapnia sp.	26						1				
Chloroperlidae											
Leuctridae											
Leuctra sp.											
Nemouridae											
Amphinemura wui											
Prostoia sp.	1										
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Plecoptera Perlidae Beloneuria sp. Diploperla sp. 3 Eccoptura xanthenes 2 Taeniopterygidae Taeniopteryx spp. 1 Hemiptera Corixidae Tricorixa sp. Trichoptera Hydropsychidae Chematopsyche sp. 21 Leptocheridae Ocetis sp. Philopotamidae Chimarra sp. 25 1 Polycentropodidae Nyctiophylax sp. 1 Psychomyiidae Lype diversa Coleoptera Dryopidae Helichus sp. Dytiscidae Hydroporous sp. Elmidae Ancyronyx variegatus Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Gyrinidae Sialidae Sialis sp.	TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
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Coleoptera Dryopidae Helichus sp. 1 Dytiscidae Hydroporous sp. 2 Elmidae Ancyronyx variegatus 4 1 Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus 1 4 Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Psychomyiidae									
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Hydroporous sp. 2 Elmidae Ancyronyx variegatus 4 1 Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus 1 4 Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Helichus sp.							1		
Elmidae Ancyronyx variegatus Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. Megaloptera Sialidae	Dytiscidae									
Ancyronyx variegatus Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Hydroporous sp.						2			
Dubiraphia sp. Macronychus glabratus Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. Megaloptera Sialidae	Elmidae									
Macronychus glabratus 1 4 Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Ancyronyx variegatus						4	1		
Gyrinidae Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Dubiraphia sp.									
Gyrinus sp. 1 Megaloptera Sialidae	Macronychus glabratus						1	4		
Megaloptera Sialidae	•									
Sialidae	Gyrinus sp.						1			
	-									
Sialis sp.	Sialidae									
	Sialis sp.									

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
Diptera					_	*********			***************************************
Ceratopogonidae									
Culicoides sp.	. 2								
Palpomyia spp.	2					1			
Chironomidae	71					102	114		
Psychodidae									
Pericoma sp.									
Simuliidae	2						111		
Tipulidae									
Antocha sp.							3		
Dicranota sp.									
Hexatoma sp.	2								
Ormosia sp.									
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.						5			
Decapoda									
Cambaridae									
Hydracarina	1								
Gastropoda									
Planorbidae									
Gyraulus sp.						1			
Bivalvia									
Sphaeriidae									
Pisidium sp.						1	2		
Sphaerium sp.	1					1			
Annelida									
Oligochaetae							11		

Table 8. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

MATTA RIVER

	-	SEDI	MENT		WOOD				
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	su	
Ephemeroptera									
Baetidae									
Baetis spp.	1								
Baetiscidae									
Baetisca sp.	2								
Caenidae									
Caenis sp.	3				1				
Ephemerellidae									
Ephemerella sp.	31				48				
Eurylophella Temporalis					1				
Seratella sp.									
Heptageniidae									
Stenonema modestum	19				19				
Oligoneuridae									
Isonychia sp.	1								
Odonata									
Coenagrionidae									
Gomphidae									
Progomphus obscurus	1								
Plecoptera	•								
Leuctridae						•			
Leuctra sp.									
Nemouridae									
Amphinemura wui									
Prostoia sp.									
Perlidae									
Beloneuria sp.									
Clioperla Clio					1				
Isoperla spp.	2				•				
Taeniopterygidae	4								
, , ,	5				13				
Taeniopteryx spp.	5				13				

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Trichoptera		***************************************		-				
Brachycentridae								
Brachycentrus sp.	· 1				38			
Hydropsychidae								
Chematopsyche sp.	2				11			
Hydropsyche sp.					1			
Macrostemum sp.	1							
Hydroptilidae								
Hydroptila sp.								
Leptoceridae								
Ceraclea sp.	2				1			
Ocetis sp.	1							
Lepidostomatidae								
Lepidostoma sp.								
Limnephilidae								
Pychnopsyche spp.	2							
Philopotamidae								
Chimarra sp.					1			
Polycentropodidae								
Nyctiophylax sp.								
Polycentropus sp.								•
Psychomyiidae								
Lype diversa					6			
Coleoptera								
Dryopidae								
Helichus sp.	1							
Elmidae								
Ancyronyx variegatus					1			
Macronychus glabratus								
Megaloptera								
Corydalidae								
Corydalus sp.					1			
Sialidae								
Sialis sp.								

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU
Diptera	-				-				
Ceratopogonidae									
Palpomyia spp.	1								
Chironomidae	16					57			
Empididae									
Hemerodromia sp.									
Simuliidae	2					1			
Tipulidae									
Tipula abdominalis									
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.									
Hydracarina	3					6			
Gastropoda									
Physidae									
Physa sp.									
Bivalvia									
Corbiculidae									
Corbicula fluminia	110					4			
Sphaeriidae									
Pisidium sp.	2								
Sphaerium sp.									
Annelida									

Table 9. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP=spring; SU= summer.

MATTAPONI RIVER

		SEDIN	SEDIMENT					WOOD				
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	SU			
Ephemeroptera												
Baetidae						•						
Baetis spp.	2	6				3	1					
Baetiscidae												
Baetisca sp.	7											
Ephemereilidae												
Ephemerella sp.	1	4										
Eurylophella temporalis		6				1	7					
Heptageniidae						3	,					
Stenonema modestum	6	2					5					
Leptophlebiidae		* 4. *										
Leptophlebia sp.		2										
Oligoneuridae												
Isonychia sp.												
Odonata												
Libellulidae												
Somatochlora sp.							1		•			
Plecoptera												
Capniidae												
Allocapnia sp.		3					1					
Nemouridae												
Prostoia sp.		7					12					
Perlidae						2						
Perlesta sp.												
Perlodidae												
Isoperla spp.		3					2					
Taeniopterygidae												
Taeniopteryx spp.	57	4				6	2					

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU	FA	WI	SP	SU
Trichoptera	<u> </u>		-,					
Brachycentridae								
Brachycentrus sp.			•					
Hydropsychidae				á.				
Chematopsyche sp.	1				7			
Hydropsyche sp.					7			
Macrostemum sp.					1			
Hydroptilidae								
Hydroptila sp.								
Lepidostomatidae								
Lepidostoma sp.		1				. 1		
Leptoceridae								
Ceraclea sp.					1	1		
Nectopsyche sp.								
Oecetis sp.	1							
Limnephilidae								
Pycnopsyche spp.								
Philopotamidae			•					
Chimarra sp.	2				5			
Polycentropodidae								
Nyctiophylax sp.	1				1			
Polycentropus sp.								
Coleoptera								
Elmidae								
Macronychus glabratus	3				5	3		
Stenelmis sp.					5			
Gyrinidae								
Dineutus sp.								

	•			WOOD					
TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU		FA	WI	SP	su
Diptera					_				
Ceratopogonidae									
Palpomyia spp.									
Chironomidae	14	48				113	160		
Simuliidae	1	110							
Tipulidae									
Tipula abdominalis							1		
Isopoda									
Asellidae									
Caecidotea sp.							1		
Amphipoda									
Gammaridae									
Gammarus sp.									
Hydracarina	4	2				12	2		
Gastropoda									
Ancylidae									
Ferrissia sp.									
Lymnaeidae									
Lymnaea sp.	3								
Physidae									
Physa sp.									
Bivalvia									
Corbiculidae									
Corbicula sp.	76								
Sphaeriidae									
Pisidium sp.	1	9					2		
Sphaerium sp.	2	-							
Annelida	1								
Oligochaetae		5					5		

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FΑ WI SP SU FA WI SP SU

Turbellaria Planariidae Dugesia tigrina

Table 10. Numbers of individuals collected by substrate and season. FA= fall; WI= winter; SP= spring; SU= summer.

WETLANDS REFERENCE SITE

ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU
Ephemeroptera				
Baetidae				
Baetis spp.		4		
Centroptilum sp.				
Odonata				
Aeschnidae				
Epiaeschna sp.		1		
Corduliidae				
Epitheca sp.		3		
Coenagrionidae				
Enallagma sp.		1		
Hemiptera				
Belostomatidae				
Belostoma sp.		1		
Tricoptera				
Psychomylidae				
Lype diversa		2		
Coleoptera				
Dytiscidae				
Hydroporous sp.		2		
Hydrophilidae				
Berosus sp.				
Diptera				
Chaoboridae				
Chaoborus punctapennis		2		
Chironomidae		260		
Ceratopogonidae				
Palpomyia spp.		5		
Tipulidae				
Antocha sp.		3		
Ormosia sp.				•

ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE

TAXON	FA	WI	SP	SU
Isopoda	 .			
Asellidae				
Caecidotea sp.	-	14		
Amphipoda				
Gammaridae				
Gammarus sp.		26		
Decapoda		1		
Gastropoda				
Lymnaeidae				
Lymnaea sp.		2		
Planorbidae				
Gyraulus sp.		1		
Bivalvia				
Sphaeriidae				
Pisidium sp.		3		
Annelida				
Oligochaetae		236		

APPENDIX B

Fish Community Metrics

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP4R101794

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	12	6.96	3	3	0	1	0.09	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.06	0.22	
SCORE:	5	5	3	3	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	32

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP3M101794 ******************************

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	11	6.53	3	2	1	1	0.07	0.01	0.48	0.00	0.01	0.03	
SCORE:	3	5	3	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	5	3	34

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP3E1111494

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	9	1.06	2	0	0	0	0.29	0.06	0.06	0.12	0.00	0.12	
SCORE:	3	1	3	1	1	1	5	5	1	5	5	1	32

PRODUCED ON: 04/27/95

METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP3D101994

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	11	2.99	2	3	1	0	0.39	0.12	0.05	0.02	0.24	0.10	
SCORE:	3	1	3	3	1	1	5	5	1	3	1	1	28

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP2W110494

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	
VALUE:	4	5.01	1	1	0	0	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01		
SCORE:	1	3	3	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	5	5	32	

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP2S101794

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	13	14.4	2	3	2	0	0.55	0.06	0.25	0.01	0.05	0.10	
SCORE:	5	5	3	3	3	1	5	5	3	1	1	1	36

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP2F111494

METRIC NUMBERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	6	1.32	1	3	1	0	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	
SCORE:	3	1	3	3	3	1	5	5	1	1	5	1	32

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP2C101994

METRIC NUMBERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	11	4.07	2	1	0	0	0.09	0.42	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.11	
SCORE:	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	5	1	28

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP2B100694

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	14	9.46	2	6	1	0	0.34	0.14	0.30	0.00	0.22	0.02	
SCORE:	5	5	3	5	3	1	5	5	3	1	1	5	42

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METRICS 1-12 REPORT FOR LOCATION CODE: YOP1A101994

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
VALUE:	7	2.18	1	2	1	0	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	
SCORE:	3	1	3	3	3	1	3	5	1	5	5	5	38

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Physico-chemical Data

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	LOCATION CODE	DRAINAGE	STREAM	ORDER	SITE	.DATE	TIME	EFFORT	TEMP	COND	рН	DO ₂	HAB ASMT	INVERT SAMPLE	NOTES
	YOP2C020294	YORK	POLECAT	2	С	02/02/94	1200	0	2.00	80.00	6.40	16.40	.т.		
	YOP2C040894	YORK	POLECAT	2	С	04/08/94	1200	935	11.00	40.00	5.70	9.90	.Т.	XXX	95 PACES IN LENGTH
	YOP2C071493	YORK	POLECAT	2	c	07/14/93	1200	461	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	x x x	
	YOP2C072194	YORK	POLECAT	2	C	07/21/94	1200	0	26.00	81.00	6.40	7.50	.T.		
-	YOP2C101994	YORK	POLECAT	2	C	10/19/94	1200	810	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	x x x	
	YOP2C111793	YORK	POLECAT	2	C	11/17/93	1200	626	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	C K X	
	YOP2C111893	YORK	POLECAT	2	C	11/18/93	1200	0	11.00	89.00	6.10	8.40	.T.		
	YOP2F020294	YORK	POLECAT	2	P	02/02/94	1200	C	0.00	22.00	5.30	15.50	.F.		
	YOP2F050994	YORK	POLECAT	2	F	05/09/94	1200	787	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	11 SPACES SITE LENGTH, ARTIFICAL SUBSTRATE NOT REMOVED FOR SPRING SAMPLING
	YOP2F071493	YORX	POLECAT	2	F	07/14/93	1200	155	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	TYPICAL WETLANDS W. ARUM Sp. SOME FLOW THRU CHANNEL. LOW EF EFFICIENCY-LOTS-O-FISH. MANY YOY UPY & ASY. RECENTLY NUKED BEAVERS?
	YOP2F072194	YORK	POLECAT	2	F	07/21/94	1200	673	25.00	35.00	5.80	1.20	.F.	XXX	
	YOP2F111093	YORK	POLECAT	2	F	11/10/93	1200	369	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	X X X	
-	YOP2F111494	YORK	POLECAT	2	F	11/14/94	1200	819	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
	YOP2S020294	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	02/02/94	1200	0	1.00	28.00	6.80	16.20	.T.		
	YOP2S040594	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	04/05/94	1200	1321	11.00	30.00	6.50	10.60	.Т.	XXX	105 PACES
	YOP2S072194	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	07/21/94	1200	0	24.00	81.00	6.40	7.40	.Т.		
	YOP2S072793	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	07/27/93	1200	608	21.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	X X X	
-	YOP2S101794	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	10/17/94	1200	479	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
	YOP2S111793	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	11/17/93	1200	510	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	CKX	
	YOP2S120893	YORK	POLECAT	2	S	12/08/93	1200	. 0	7.00	38.00	7.80	13.40	.T.		

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	LOCATION CODE	DRAINAGE	STREAM	ORDER	SITE	_ DATE	TIME	EFFORT		COND	pН	DO	HAB ASMT	INVERT SAMPLE	NOTES
	YOP2W051394	YORK	POLECAT	2	M	05/13/94	1200	539	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	ARTIFICAL SUBSTRATE NOT REMOVED FOR SPRING SAMPLING
	YOP2W072194	YORK	POLECAT	2	W	07/21/94	1200	0	27.00	71.00	6.30	5.20	.F.		
	YOP2W080994	YORK	POLECAT	2	W	08/09/94	1200	414	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
_	YOP2W110494	YORK	POLECAT	2	W	11/04/94	1200	802	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	X X X	
	YOP3D012694	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	01/26/94	1200	0	4.00	40.00	4.70	15.00	.T.	XXX	
	YOP3D040894	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	04/08/94	1200	905	12.50	30.00	5.60	10.30	.T.	XXX	91 PACES REACH LENGHT
	YOP3D071493	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	07/14/93	1200	474	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	FLOW VERY LOW. EXPOSED RIFFLES. LARGE LONG RUN/POOL. MISSED SEVERAL EOL'S IN THE ROCKS.
	YOP3D071594	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	07/15/94	1200	0	25.00	80.00	6.70	8.00	.T.		
,	· YOP3D101994	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	10/19/94	1200	824	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	x x x	
	YOP3D111093	YORK	POLECAT	3	D	11/10/93	1200	652	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	C K X	
	YOP3D111893	YORK	POLECAT	3	Đ	11/18/93	1200	0	11.00	72.00	6.10	10.10	.T.		NETRIC #3 WAS CHANGED FROM POOL CHARACTERIZATION TO GLIDE CHARACTERIZATION
	YOP3E020294	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	02/02/94	1200	0	3.00	41.00	6.80	16.40	.Т.		
	YOP3E040894	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	04/08/94	1200	913	14.00	35.00	5.80	9.60	.Т.	X X X	
	YOP3E071994	YORK	POLECAT	3	B	07/19/94	1200	0	25.00	65.00	6.30	6.90	.T.		
	YOP3E072093	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	07/20/93	1200	1259	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	·F.	XXX	LOW BEAVER DAM HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED UPSTREAM OF (~15M) STATE BRIDGE. LOW STREAM CONDITIONS PRESENT, NOST OF THE SITE COULD BE SHOCKED WITH CHEST WADERS OTHESE WATER LEVELS.TWO DATA SHEETS; 926 CANOE AND 333 BACKPACK WHICH THE EFFORTS WERE ADDED TOGETHER.
	YOP3E081194	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	08/11/94	1200	1247	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
-	· YOP3E111494	YORK	POLECAT	3	£	11/14/94	1200	960	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	X X X	

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LOCATION CODE	DRAINAGE	STREAM	ORDER	SITE CODE	.DATE	TIME	EFFORT	TEMP	COND	pН	DO	HAB ASMT	INVERT SAMPLE	NOTES
YOP3E111793	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	11/17/93	1200	611	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	CLX	
YOP3E111893	YORK	POLECAT	3	E	11/18/93	1200	0	11.80	65.00	6.30	8.60	т.		
YOP3N020294	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	02/02/94	1200	0	2.00	28.00	7.00	16.60	.F.		
YOP3N040894	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	04/08/94	1200	787	13.00	30.00	6.20	9.30	.F.	XXX	106 PACES
YOP3N071994	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	07/19/94	1200	Û	24.00	70.00	6.90	7.30	.Т.		
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YOP3M080994	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	08/09/94	1200	964	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
- YOP3M101794	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	10/17/94	1200	616	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	
YOP3M111793	YORK	POLECAT	3	M	11/17/93	1200	568	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.T.	XXX	
YOP4R060794	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	06/07/94	1200	942	24.00	64.00	0.90	7.20	.T.	XXX	106 PACES
YOP4R060794	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	06/07/94	1200	0	24.00	64.00	6.90	7.20	.T.		
YOP4R071693	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	07/16/93	1200	804	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	X X X	
YOP4R071994	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	07/19/94	1200	0	26.00	62.00	6.90	7.60	.T.		
YOP4R081194	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	08/11/94	1200	1178	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	x x x	
YOP4R101794	YORK	POLECAT	4	R	10/17/94	1200	681	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.F.	XXX	

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I. INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO THE INVENTORY PURPOSE, METHODS, AND PROCEDURES

In March, 1993, the Coastal Program of the Department of Environmental Quality contracted with the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage (DCR-DNH) to conduct a natural heritage resource inventory and survey of freshwater mussels within the watershed of Polecat Creek, Caroline County, Virginia. Initially, this project included surveys for the federally endangered dwarf wedge mussel (Alasmidonta heterodon) at a proposed water quality monitoring station (site E) in compliance with United States Fish and Wildlife Service requirements for wetland permits. Four other proposed gauge station sites were surveyed during early 1994 by Phillip H. Stevenson (Stevenson, 1994). This portion of the project was completed during 1994. Additionally, three populations of the eastern elliptio (Elliptio complanata) were to be identified and marked so that the effects of nearby land development on the survival of these animals could be monitored during the ten year water quality monitoring project. This report includes results from the natural heritage resource inventory (Section I) and preliminary data from the mark-recapture study (Section II).

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DNH) is the state agency responsible by statutory authority under the Virginia Natural Area Preserves Act (Section 10.1-209 through 217, Code of Virginia) for inventory, database maintenance, protection, and management of Virginia's natural heritage resources. Such resources are defined as the habitats of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, rare or state significant communities, and other natural features. The Department of Conservation and Recreation - Division of Natural Heritage represents the first comprehensive attempt to identify the Commonwealth's most significant natural areas through ongoing scientific biological survey. Data gathered during this state-wide survey are assembled and managed through a sophisticated Biological and Conservation Data System (BCD) in which information on ecosystems and species, their biology, habitats, locations, conservation status, and management needs is continually updated and refined. The DNH is part of an international network of natural heritage programs, coordinated by The Nature Conservancy, which uses standardized inventory methodologies and BCD technology.

The intent of the Polecat Creek Natural Heritage Inventory is to verify and document the presence (or absence), distribution, and population status of specific elements of biological diversity: federally listed threatened or endangered species; proposed candidate species for federal listing; other rare plant and animal species monitored by DNH; and communities considered to be rare or exemplary by DNH. The practical goal of the inventory is to assist CBLAD personnel, private landowners, and local governments in decisions concerning land use, maintenance activities, public access, siting of facilities, and management of areas containing natural heritage resources.

DNH work on the inventory began during the spring of 1994 with a comprehensive review of existing information about the Polecat Creek watershed area. Field surveys were initiated in May, 1994 and continued through March, 1995. During this period DNH botanists, zoologists and community ecologists carried out surveys in areas determined to have potential for rare species and significant communities. Overall coordination of the project was through Jean Tingler of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department. A report summarizing the results of rare mussel surveys by DNH at gauging station E was completed during late 1994. All information collected during the project period is reported herein, and will be incorporated into the DNH Biological and Conservation Data System.

EXPLANATION OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE RANKING SYSTEM

Each of the significant natural features (species, community type, etc.) monitored by DNH is considered an element of natural diversity, or simply an element. Each element is assigned a rank that indicates its relative rarity on a five-point scale (1 = extremely rare; 5 = abundant; Table 1). The primary criterion for ranking elements is the number of occurrences, i.e. the number of known distinct localities or populations. Also of great importance is the number of individuals at each locality or, for highly mobile organisms, the total number of individuals. Other considerations include the condition of the occurrences, the number of protected occurrences, and threats. However, the emphasis remains on the number of occurrences, so that ranks essentially are an index of known biological rarity. These ranks are assigned both in terms of the element's rarity within Virginia (its State or S-rank) and the element's rarity over its entire range (its Global or G-rank). Subspecies and varieties are assigned a Taxonomic (T-) rank in addition to their G-rank. Taken together, these ranks give a concise picture of an element's rarity. For example, a designated rank of G5/S1 indicates an element which is abundant and secure range-wide, but extremely rare in Virginia. Ranks for community types are provisional, or in many cases lacking, due to ongoing efforts by the Natural Heritage network to classify community taxa. Rarity ranks used by DNH are not legal designations, and they are continuously updated to reflect new information.

Table 1. Definition of Natural Heritage state rarity ranks. Global ranks are similar, but refer to a species' range-wide status. Note that GA and GN are not used and GX means extinct. Sometimes ranks are combined (e.g. S1S2) to indicate intermediate or somewhat unclear status. Elements with uncertain taxonomic validity are denoted by the letter Q, after the global rank. Ranks for most community types have not been generated due to ongoing community classification efforts. These ranks should not be interpreted as legal designations.

- S1 Extremely rare; usually 5 or fewer occurrences in the state; or may have a few remaining individuals; often especially vulnerable to extirpation.
- S2 Very rare; usually between 5 and 20 occurrences; or few occurrences with many individuals; often susceptible to becoming endangered.
- Rare to uncommon; usually between 20 and 100 occurrences; may have fewer occurrences, but with a large number of individuals in some populations; may be susceptible to large-scale disturbances.
- Common; usually more than 100 occurrences, but may be fewer with many large populations; may be restricted to only a portion of the state; usually not susceptible to immediate threats.
- S5 Very common; demonstrably secure under present conditions.
- SA Accidental in the state.
- SH Historically known from the state, but not verified for an extended period, usually more than 15 years; this rank is used primarily when inventory has been attempted recently.
- SN Regularly occurring migrants or transient species which are non-breeding, seasonal residents. (Note that congregation and staging areas are monitored separately).

Table 1. (continued)

- SU Status uncertain, often because of low search effort or cryptic nature of the element.
- SX Apparently extirpated from the state

The spot on the landscape that supports a natural heritage resource is an element occurrence. Occasionally, separate but nearby locations of a species or community element are treated as subpopulations (species) or sub-occurrences (community) of the same occurrence due to factors such as the probability of gene flow or hydrologic linkage. DNH has mapped over 7,400 element occurrences in Virginia. Information on the location and quality of these element occurrences is computerized within the Division's BCD system, and additional information is recorded on maps and in manual files.

In addition to ranking each element's rarity, each element occurrence is ranked to differentiate large, outstanding occurrences from small, vulnerable ones. In this way, protection efforts can be aimed not only at the rarest elements, but at the best examples of each. Species occurrences are ranked in terms of quality (size, vigor, etc.) of the population; the condition (pristine to disturbed) of the habitat; the viability of the population; and the defensibility (ease or difficulty of protecting) of the occurrence. Community occurrences are ranked according to their size and overall natural condition. These element occurrence ranks range from A (excellent) to D (poor). Sometimes these ranks are combined to indicate intermediate or somewhat unclear status, e.g. AB or CD, etc. In a few cases, especially those involving cryptic animal elements, field data may not be sufficient to reliably rank an occurrence. In such cases a rank of E (extant) may be given. Element occurrence ranks reflect the current condition of the species' population or community. A poorly-ranked element occurrence can, with time, become highly-ranked as a result of successful management or restoration.

Element ranks and element occurrence ranks form the basis for ranking the overall significance of sites. Site biodiversity ranks (B-ranks) are used to prioritize protection efforts, and are defined as follows:

- B1 Outstanding Significance: only site known for an element; an excellent occurrence of a G1 species; or the world's best example of a community type.
- B2 <u>Very High Significance</u>: excellent example of a rare community type; good occurrence of a G1 species; or excellent occurrence of a G2 or G3 species.
- B3 <u>High Significance</u>: excellent example of any community type; good occurrence of a G3 species.
- B4 <u>Moderate Significance</u>: good example of a community type; excellent or good occurrence of state-rare species.
- B5 <u>General Biodiversity Significance</u>: good or marginal occurrence of a community type or state-rare species.

Note: sites supporting rare subspecies or varieties are considered slightly less significant than sites supporting similarly ranked species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is responsible for the listing of endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Federally listed species (including subspecific taxa) are afforded a degree of legal protection under the Act, and therefore sites supporting these species need to be highlighted. USFWS also maintains a review listing of potential candidate endangered and threatened taxa. Table 2 defines the various status categories used by USFWS and followed in this report. The status category of candidate species is based on the Service's current level of knowledge about the biological vulnerability of and threats to a species.

In Virginia, two acts have authorized the creation of official state endangered and threatened species lists. One act (section 29.1-563 through 570, Code of Virginia), administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), authorizes listing of fish and wildlife species, not including insects. The Endangered Plant and Insect Species Act, (section 3.1-1020 through 1030, Code of Virginia), administered by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), allows for listing of plant and insect species. In general, these acts prohibit or regulate taking, possessing, buying, selling, transporting, exporting, or shipping of any endangered or threatened species appearing on the official lists. Species protected by these acts are indicated as either listed endangered (LE) or listed threatened (LT). Species under consideration for listing are indicated as candidates (C).

Table 2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service species status codes, with abbreviated definitions.

- LE Listed endangered
- LT Listed threatened
- PE Proposed to be listed as endangered
- PT Proposed to be listed as threatened
- S Synonyms
- C1 Candidate, category 1: status data supports listing of taxon as endangered or threatened, but listing has been delayed by pending proposals of higher priority taxa.
- C2 Candidate, category 2: evidence of vulnerability, but insufficient status data exists.
- 3A Persuasive evidence exists that taxon is extinct.
- 3B Name that does not represent a distinct taxon, according to recently published revisions and monographs.
- 3C Taxon proven to be more abundant or widespread than previously believed and/or those that are not subject to any identifiable threat.

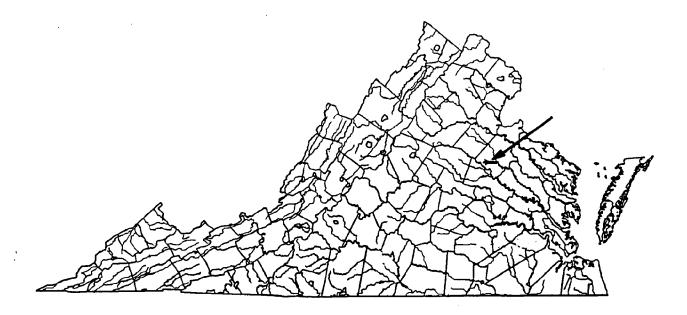
II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POLECAT CREEK WATERSHED, CAROLINE COUNTY

A brief discussion of the general environmental characteristics of the Polecat Creek watershed is important for understanding the context in which significant natural communities and rare biota occur. Unless otherwise cited, county-wide statistics cited in this section are from Lillywhite and Niemann (1993) and Thompson (1991).

GENERAL LAND USE PATTERNS

Polecat Creek is located in south-central Caroline County, approximately 30 miles north of Richmond, and approximately 70 miles SSE of Washington D.C. (Fig 1). The headwaters originate in the Piedmont, flow across the fall zone into the Coastal Plain and converge with the Mattaponi River. The Mattaponi is a major tributary of the York River, which flows into the southern portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

Figure 1. Location of Polecat Creek watershed in Virginia



Caroline County is classified as 100% rural, with a total acreage of 342,695 and a population of 19,217 in 1990. Land use in the county as a whole is predominantly forestry-related, with forest lands comprising 76% of the total acreage. Only about 18% of the county's acreage is utilized for agriculture (D. Eastham, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, pers. comm. to Gary P. Fleming, 1994). The predominant land cover in the watershed is forest, followed by open fields and pastureland. The principal crops in the county are soybeans, wheat, barley, and corn, with a very small amount of grazing land included. The remaining 6% of the county consists of miscellaneous residential, developed, and open wetland areas. There are no major industries and, at present, only a limited amount of commercial and residential growth occurring around the towns of Bowling Green and Port Royal, located just NNE and NE of the drainage respectively. Significant urban development activity is expected in the area over the next ten years as a large portion of the Polecat Creek watershed is designated as primary growth area in the Caroline County comprehensive plan.

CLIMATE

The climate of the Polecat Creek area is classified as humid subtropical. This term denotes a seasonal temperature pattern with warm to hot summers and mild winters, along with sufficient precipitation to support forests (Woodward and Hoffman, 1991). The average growing season length in this region is approximately 180 days and the average annual precipitation is 42.69 inches (Hoppe and Jones, 1989).

PHYSIOGRAPHY, TOPOGRAPHY, AND GEOLOGY

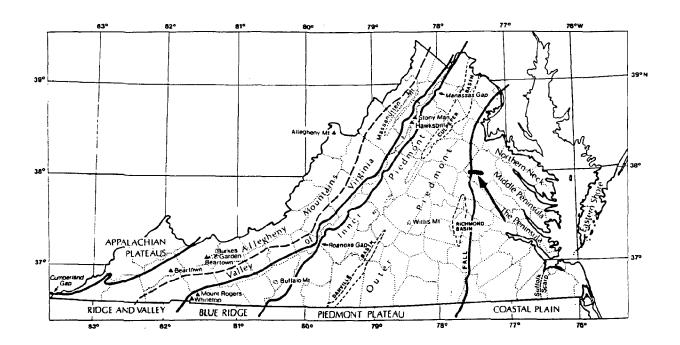
Western portions of the watershed including the headwaters, and several tributaries are located within the Piedmont physiographic province. Topography in this area can be described as hilly, with uplands dissected by deeply entrenched ravines caused by accelerated downcutting of streams. Although the overall character of this region is a gently sloping plain, relief is far from uniform. Soils found in this area are a complex of alluvial and fluvial deposits eroded from the Appalachian highlands to the west.

Eastern sections of the creek and several tributaries lie within the Coastal Plain physiographic province, the youngest of Virginia's ecoregions. The Coastal Plain is composed of unconsolidated sands, gravels, and clays eroded from the Appalachian highlands to the west and deposited along the continent margin as the Atlantic Ocean was formed. Over millions of years, changing sea levels, resulting from tectonic and climatic changes, have shaped a series of longitudinal, wave-cut terraces which characterize the province's current topography. North of the James River in Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay and the watersheds of four major rivers dissect the Coastal Plain into four peninsulas: the Eastern shore, the Northern Neck, the Middle Peninsula, and The Peninsula. The Polecat Creek watershed is considered to be in the extreme western portion of the Middle Peninsula.

The topography in the watershed is basically a rolling plain bisected by the fall zone between the Coastal Plain and Piedmont physiographic provinces; therefore, characteristics of both can be found. Elevations range from approximately 70 feet above sea level near the Polecat Creek convergence with the Mattaponi River, to approximately 300 feet above sea level near the western edge of the watershed. Although the plain slopes gradually from west to east, relief is far from uniform. Within the Piedmont sections of the watershed, stream dissection is more pronounced with some ravines deeply dissected and entrenched due to the accelerated downcutting of streams. These areas reveal a more pronounced transition into upland habitats than is seen in lower areas of the watershed. Portions of the stream within the Coastal Plain are comparatively more flat and with little topographic relief, creating a fairly mild transition from bottomland habitats into adjacent uplands. This area is characterized by bottomlands which are typically wide and flat allowing the stream to expand into these areas during periods of high water, at times creating large areas of flooded forest and marshy habitats.

Several major geological formations underlie this landscape (Mixon et. al., 1989). The Chesapeake Group (TC), which underlies much of the eastern portion of the watershed, consists of fine to coarse quartzose sand, silt, and clay deposited in shallow inner and middle shelf waters of the upper Pliocene and lower Miocene periods. Pliocene Sand and Gravel (TPSG) underlies higher topography, particularly drainage divides, in the western portions of the watershed. Lower Tertiary Deposits (TL) of glauconitic quartz sand and clay-silt underlies the broad, lower valleys and bottomlands within the watershed. Alluvial deposits of the Quaternary and Tertiary periods are common in the central portion of the watershed. Western portions of the watershed are underlain by more resistant bedrock typical of the Piedmont. This region is primarily underlain by the porphyroblastic garnet-biotite gneiss (Ym) complex of late Precambrian or early Paleozoic periods (Rader and Evans 1993).

Figure 2. Physiographic context of Polecat Creek watershed. (from Woodward and Hoffman, 1991 with copyright permission)



HYDROLOGY

Drainage patterns are more or less dendritic in the gentler topographic areas of the watershed, and distinctly of trellis form in the more deeply dissected areas. Lower elevation areas give way to slow moving backwaters, marshy areas and flooded pools. Major tributaries which drain the western portions of the watershed are Stevens Mill Run, Reedy Creek, De Jarnette Mill Run, and Hackett Creek. Major tributaries in the lower portions of the watershed include, Rafe Swamp, Saddle Swamp, and Millpond Swamp. Several of these tributaries are impounded forming ponds or lakes, most notably Lake Caroline along Stevens Mill Run.

Little published information is available on groundwater resources in Caroline County. In neighboring Essex County, well water supplies are obtained from several strata between depths of 50 and 140 feet (Hoppe and Jones, 1989). In areas near the Piedmont, at least some of the deeper water-bearing strata may be located in crystalline rocks which dip steeply under the narrow wedge of sediments deposited at the inner edge of the Coastal Plain. Sand and gravel aquifers within the wedge are generally confined

by strata of silt and clay of variable thickness and permeability. The uppermost aquifer, commonly referred to as the water table, is influenced by the local permeability of soils and by topography. The direction of flow within the water table aquifer is generally toward surface water drainage features.

SOILS

A comprehensive soil survey of Caroline County is currently underway by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS), but is not yet published (G. Ways, pers. comm.).

Soils within the watershed are generally moderate to strongly acidic in reactivity. Typic Hapludult soils predominate within the watershed, including the Remlik-Rumford units in upland habitats. Rumford series soils consist of very deep and somewhat excessively drained soils, formed in Coastal Plain sediments.

The major wetland soil units of the watershed are classified as Bibb-Chastain, Roanoke, Tomotley and Altavista (D. Eastman, pers. comm., 1995). Bibb soils are typically very deep, poorly drained soils, moderately permeable and formed in loamy alluvium on floodplains. The Chastain series consists of deep, poorly drained, nearly level soils that have a clayey subsoil, typically formed in clayey and loamy alluvium on the floodplains. Roanoke series soils consist of deep, poorly drained, nearly level soils that have a dominantly clayey subsoil; these soils are formed in alluvium, mostly on terraces. Soils of the Tomotley series are very deep, nearly level and poorly drained forming in moderately coarse textured to moderately fine textured, fluviomarine sediments on the intermediate terrace. The deep, moderately well drained soils of the Altavista series, are nearly level to gently sloping with a loamy subsoil; these soils are formed in loamy alluvium, mostly on terraces.

PRINCIPAL NATURAL COMMUNITY (ECOSYSTEM) TYPES

Although much altered by three centuries of human disturbance, temperate broadleaf deciduous forest is the predominant natural vegetation over much of Virginia and the eastern United States. Within the deciduous forest formation, four major vegetation regions recognized by Braun (1950) include portions of Virginia. The Polecat Creek watershed lies within the Oak-Pine region, which includes the state's southern Piedmont and the Coastal Plain north of the James River. To the west, including the state's northern Piedmont and Appalachian Mountains, is the Oak-Chestnut region, which is now modified by the near elimination of American chestnut (Castanea dentata) by disease. On the Coastal Plain south of the James River, the Southeastern Evergreen Forest region reaches its northern limits.

The Oak-Pine region is generally considered a transition zone where pines characteristic of the southeastern states become more common in oak (Quercus spp.)-dominated forests east of the Appalachians. Pine species, including Virginia or scrub pine (Pinus virginiana), shortleaf pine (P. echinata), and loblolly pine (P. taeda), are considered much more abundant today than in pre-settlement times, occurring prolifically in early successional communities of abandoned fields and clearcuts. Moreover, loblolly pine is one of the most valuable timber resources, and plantations of this species are a common and typical sight throughout much of the region. In the original forest, these species probably were scattered associates of oaks and other hardwoods, except in highly xeric habitats, areas of high fire incidence, and areas recovering from catastrophic disturbances (e.g. blow-downs), where they were more abundant and persistent. Small inclusions of mixed hardwoods, bottomland hardwoods, and other wetland communities are found along streams throughout the Oak-Pine region.

Although remnant hardwood stands in the region have undergone some successional modifications as a result of repeated cutting, they are considered somewhat stable — at least on the drier sites — due to vigorous sprout regeneration of dominant oaks. On the better upland sites, shade-intolerant species such

as tulip-poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera) may become dominant following cutting, while shade-tolerant beech (Fagus grandifolia) usually assumes increasing dominance in the prolonged absence of disturbance.

Within the Polecat Creek watershed, loblolly pine is abundant in monocultural plantings, while both loblolly and Virginia pines are dominant in natural early succession stands on many thousands of acres. Nevertheless, considerable upland areas and bottomlands remain forested in hardwoods, and among these, Natural Heritage ecologists have identified one exemplary mature bottomland hardwood stand. Vegetation within the watershed is decidedly southern in overall character, although representative species from both Coastal Plain and Piedmont habitats can be found. Northern species may occasionally occur in areas with cooler microclimates, such as steep-sided ravines. The watershed is typical of other areas within this region of Virginia.

Terrestrial (Upland) Communities:

Division of Natural Heritage ecologists recognize two broad types of more or less stable, upland forest vegetation within the watershed:

- 1. Oligotrophic Forest
- 2. Submesotrophic Forest

Oligotrophic forests occupy sites of low fertility and are characterized by an absence of nutrient-demanding species and the strong presence of members of the heath family. Submesotrophic forests are communities of only moderately infertile soil conditions, and are characterized by the presence of somewhat nutrient-demanding species.

Because of the sandy, nutrient-poor soils which are common in the watershed, oligotrophic forests are by far the most widespread of these community types. These are oak-dominated forests with a very low diversity of shrub and herbaceous species. Characteristic canopy trees are white oak (Quercus alba), southern red oak (Q. falcata), black oak (Q. velutina), scarlet oak (Q. coccinea), post oak (Q. stellata), blackjack oak (Q. marilandica), hickories (Carya spp.), and some beech, often in mixture with Virginia and/or loblolly pines. Chestnut oak (Q. montana) often dominates on drier gravelly ridges and steep slopes. More or less dense strata of ericaceous (heath family) shrubs — mountain-laurel (Kalmia latifolia), black huckleberry (Gaylussacia baccata), blueberries (Vaccinium spp.) and, more locally, sheep-laurel (Kalmia angustifolia) — are typical features of oligotrophic forests. Herbaceous growth is sparse, consisting of scattered pink ladyslipper (Cypripedium acaule), spotted wintergreen (Chimaphila maculata), trailing arbutus (Epigaea repens), poverty grass (Danthonia spicata), and a few other species. The exact floristic composition of these stands varies considerably with topography and soil conditions over the watershed and detailed plot sampling undoubtedly would delineate several well-defined associational segregates within the type.

Submesotrophic forest communities occur somewhat locally on ravine slopes and non-hydric ravine bottoms. Here, soil nutrient status is slightly enriched by colluvial processes and the prevalence of sandy loam and clay loam strata in the Remlick-Rumford series. The canopy association in these submesotrophic forests is usually dominated by white oak, beech, and tulip-tree. Northern red oak (Quercus rubra), southern red oak, black oak, hickories, and red maple (Acer rubrum) also are present in many stands. In the understory and shrub layers, ericaceous species may be thinly scattered or absent, while flowering dogwood (Cornus florida) and maple-leaved viburnum (Viburnum acerifolium) are usually common. Diagnostic herbaceous species include christmas fern (Polystichum acrostichoides), white wood aster (Aster divaricatus), naked-flowered tick-trefoil (Desmodium nudiflorum), violet wood sorrel (Oxalis violacea), wild comfrey (Cynoglossum virginianum), short-leaved bluegrass (Poa cuspidata), wedgegrass (Sphenopholis nitida), and spreading sedge (Carex laxiculmis).

No old growth upland forest was identified within the areas surveyed. This is not surprising, since mature stands which have escaped cutting (or at least extensive cutting) and the effects of beaver are decidedly rare in the Virginia Coastal Plain. On the other hand, thousands of acres of the watershed are representative of scrubby vegetation and secondary forest stands growing up on abandoned fields and clearcuts. The composition of these communities ranges from shrubby grasslands and pure stands of pine to variable mixtures of fast-growing, light-demanding deciduous tree sprouts, shrubs, and vines. Unless artificially maintained, such communities are temporary and will undergo rapid and inexorable development toward one of the more climax types of forest vegetation discussed above. Though valuable

for wildlife habitat, watercourse and wetland buffer, soil stabilization, and nature study, among other things, these communities are neither uncommon nor exceptional from a biological or ecological point of view, and they therefore cannot be considered significant from a natural heritage perspective.

Palustrine (Wetland) Communities:

It is clear from field surveys that wetlands of the Polecat Creek watershed are dynamic ecosystems comprising an often shifting mosaic of vegetation types and biota. In these habitats, the nature of soils, hydrologic regimes, vegetation communities, and species populations may be frequently altered in a given locality by unpredictable flooding, various natural and artificial impoundments, establishment and abandonment of beaver ponds, and so forth. Moreover, large-scale or catastrophic alterations to one portion of a watershed may have secondary impacts on adjacent, unaltered portions. More than any other factor, the extensive activities of beavers, often stimulated by the construction of culverted roadways across drainages, are responsible for the creation and maintenance of open wetland habitats. While beavers have always been members of this region's fauna, their populations have increased dramatically in recent decades and have led to widespread vegetational and hydrologic changes. However temporal they may be, active or abandoned beaver ponds can be considered "natural" habitats and sometimes support significant communities or rare species.

Within the Polecat Creek watershed's dynamically changing wetlands, the generalized (idealized) trend of vegetational development in seasonally to semipermanently flooded palustrine habitats is depicted in Table 3. A few species or genera typical of each successional stage are listed.

Table 3. Generalized Successional Development of Flooded Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Aquatics ——(Nontidal) ——Palustrine ——Palustrine					
	Marsh	Scrub	Forest		
arrow-arum American bur-reed cat-tail	sedge spp. rush spp. grass spp.	common alder black willow red maple	river birch sweetgum red maple oaks (later stages)		

Though it was beyond the scope of this survey to classify all wetlands in the survey area, several broad types of natural vegetated wetland communities were identified, in the course of field survey of accessible areas (refer to Appendix A for an explanation of the classification system used by Division of Natural Heritage ecologists). Field survey and analysis of secondary sources (aerial photographs, topographic maps, etc.) suggest that virtually all of the vegetated wetland communities in the watershed are one of the following types:

- 1. Eutrophic Seasonally Flooded Forest
- 2. Eutrophic Semipermanently Flooded Woodland
- 3. Eutrophic Semipermanently Flooded Scrub
- 4. Eutrophic Semipermanently Flooded Herbaceous Vegetation
- 5. Oligotrophic Saturated Forest
- 6. Oligotrophic Saturated Herbaceous Vegetation
- 7. Submergent/Floating-leaved Vegetation

Type 1, Eutrophic Seasonally Flooded Forest, is the natural climax community type that would occupy the majority of the bottomland sites outside the stream channel in the absence of disturbance by beaver and humans. Much of the bottomland presently supports early successional stages of this community type. The canopy is usually dominated by river birch (Betula nigra), sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua), and red maple (Acer rubrum). As this community matures, certain oaks tend to become more prevalent, as evidenced by the scattered, old individuals of basket oak (Quercus michauxii) and willow oak (Quercus phellos). Heritage ecologists identified one significant occurrence of this community, in old growth condition, near the confluence of Polecat Creek and the Mattaponi River. Faunal associates of this community type are generally common and widespread species such as the swamp spreadwing (Lestes vigilax), green frog (Rana clamitans), eastern mud turtle (Kinosternon subrubrum), Carolina Wren (Thyrothorus ludovicianus), northern cricket frog (Acris crepitans), Wood Duck (Aix sponsa), and the swamp darner (Epiaeschna heros). In the vicinity of the significant community, the carpenter frog (Rana virgatipes), a watchlist species, is known historically, and was recorded further upstream in a similar community during 1994.

Types 2 through 4 above, and 7 in part, are open wetlands represented in the Polecat Creek watershed mostly by communities associated with beaver impoundments, and are seral stages dependent on beaver activity to prevent or reverse succession to forest, as discussed at the beginning of the section above.

Type 5 above, Oligotrophic Saturated Forest, is the prevalent wetland community in the watershed outside of the Polecat Creek bottomlands. It is one of the more interesting forested wetland community types

of the watershed, and is rarely, if ever, inundated by flooding. Commonly referred to as "seepage swamps", such communities occupy the bottoms of headwaters streams and their tributaries, where abundant groundwater seepage is the primary hydrological influence. Drainage in these habitats is typically diffuse with braided channels interlaced around saturated hummocks in a sandy or peaty substrate. Classified as oligotrophic saturated forest, the vegetation which occupies undisturbed habitats of this type is widely but somewhat locally distributed in the Coastal Plain. The dominant canopy species of this community type are red maple (Acer rubrum) and Blackgum (Nyssa sylvatica), with tulippoplar (Liriodendron tulipifera) and loblolly pine (Pinus taeda) of occasional importance in the stand. Characteristic shrubs are sweetbay (Magnolia virginiana), sweet pepperbush (Clethra alnifolia), highbush blueberry (Vaccinium corymbosum), swamp azalea (Rhododendron viscosum), and possumhaw viburnum (Viburnum nudum). Herbaceous plants which could be considered "indicator" species of the community include skunk-cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus), kidneyleaf grass-of-parnassus (Parnassia asarifolia), Collins' sedge (Carex collinsii), and twining bartonia (Bartonia paniculata). At ground level, sphagnum mosses (Sphagnum spp.) cover the hummocks with expansive mats. Oligotrophic saturated forests have become increasingly fragmented and threatened by the recent expansion of beaver populations in the upper portions of many drainages in Caroline County. Several rare odonates are typical of seepage swamp habitats including the gray petaltail (Tachopteryx thoreyi), sphagnum sprite (Nehalennia gracilis), and occasionally the seepage dancer (Argia bipunctulata). Other species which may be associated with this habitat include the spotted turtle (Clemmys guttata), four-toed salamander (Hemidactylium scutatum), northern dusky salamander (Desmognathus fuscus), and the erroneus biddie (Cordulegaster erronea).

The federally listed swamp-pink (*Helonias bullata*) has been found near the Polecat Creek watershed in this community type. Within the watershed, it was not found in those areas which could be accessed for this survey. However, one of the areas that could not be accessed for field survey, comprising the headwaters of Saddle Swamp near McBryant Corner, appears to have potential for this community type and *Helonias bullata*, based on map and aerial photograph analysis, and reconnaissance from public roads.

Type 6 above, Oligotrophic Saturated Herbaceous Vegetation, are open wetlands that are represented in this watershed only by communities created by beaver or man-made disturbances, such as old pond bottom wet meadows, and wet meadows maintained by mowing or grazing, in yards, pastures, and right-of-ways. In most cases the original natural climax vegetation in these areas was Oligotrophic Saturated Forest, or seepage swamp. Naturally open oligotrophic seepage communities are extremely rare, but a number of light-demanding rare plant species that are native to these communities can sometimes occur in artificially maintained open communities, depending in large part on the nature of the disturbance that is keeping these communities open. The two rare plants confirmed by this survey, *Juncus caesariensis* and *Sarracenia purpurea*, are found in this community type in a powerline right-of-way, which appears to be kept open by occassional "bushhogging". Also found in this community type was the seepage dancer (*Argia bipunctulata*), a denizen of sphagnous seeps with emergent vegetation. Other species such as the eastern red damsel (*Amphiagrion saucium*), the four-toed salamander, southern bog clubmoss (*Lycopodiella appressa*), and the citrine forktail (*Ischnura hastata*) can be found in these habitats.

Type 7, Submergent/Floating-leaved Vegetation, is the community type into which fall the perennial watercourses and shallow impoundments and portions of impoundments in the watershed. Within the drainage this habitat supports a variety of common and widespread species such as the eastern elliptio (Elliptio complanata), larvae of the fawn darner (Boyeria vinosa) and the common whitetail (Libellula lydia). Several rare or watchlist species are associated with this habitat including the least brook lamprey

(Lampetra aepypetra), mud sunfish (Acantharcus pomotis), squawfoot (Strophitus undulatus), and Georgia river cruiser (Macromia illinoiensis georgina), among others.

Lacustrine Communities:

Those portions of the impoundments in the watershed which are too deep to support vegetation fall into the Lacustrine System, which has not yet been subdivided in the current Division of Natural Heritage ecological classification. All occurrences of this community type in the watershed are man-made. The largest, and perhaps the only, occurrence is in Lake Caroline. There is a historic record for low water-milfoil (Myriophyllum humile) from Lake Caroline. However, the lake is currently thought to be too eutrophic for this species to occur.

Summary of Community Elements:

One community occurrence considered to be significant by Division of Natural Heritage ecologists was documented in the watershed: a stand of bottomland forest in old-growth condition, classified as Eutrophic Seasonally Flooded Forest. Refer to the Lower Polecat Creek site report for a complete description.

Summary of Plant and Animal Elements:

A total of two plant element occurrences and three animal element occurrences were documented in the watershed. All of the animals are members of the insect Order Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies). Summary lists are provided in Table 4, which includes all federal candidate species and other species monitored by DNH. Global and state ranks, and legal statuses are included. Several watchlist species were also recorded during this inventory, a summary is provided in Appendix B. A historic occurrence of low water-milfoil (Myriophyllum humile) is known from Lake Caroline, but is not included based on current conditions in the lake.

Table 4. SPECIES MONITORED BY VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION/DIVISION OF NATURAL HERITAGE FOUND WITHIN THE POLECAT CREEK WATERSHED DURING 1994-1995.

ELEMENT NAME	GLOBAL RARITY <u>RANK</u>	STATE RARITY <u>RANK</u>	USFWS STATUS	VA LEGAL <u>STATUS</u>	NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES
Plants:					
Juncus caesariensis New Jersey rush	G2	S2	C2	C	1
Sarracenia purpurea Northern pitcher plant	G5	S2S3			1
Animals:					
Argia bipunctulata seepage dancer	G4	S2S3			1
Macromia illinoiensis georgina	G5T5	S1S2			1
Georgia river cruiser Somatochlora filosa fine-lined emerald	G5	S2			1

III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

OVERVIEW OF NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY METHODOLOGY

Staff of the DCR-DNH conduct natural heritage inventories in a systematic and prioritized manner. In general, the most threatened geographic areas, habitats, and species receive inventory priority. Adequately funded inventories carried out over several months or even years, typically allow for very intensive sampling of potential habitats. This may be carried a step further if sampling is confined to a restricted geographic area providing for a more focused survey. Areas within the watershed to which access could be gained during the study period were surveyed. Unfortunately, several areas which held potential for rare species or exemplary communities were not surveyed during 1994-1995.

Natural heritage inventories usually are conducted in six basic stages:

- 1. Review of aerial photographs and maps. Aerial photographs of the entire survey area are reviewed in detail to identify potential natural areas to be studied in subsequent stages. When possible, both the oldest available photographs and the most recent ones are examined. Comparing these two sets of photographs helps determine how long forests and other vegetation types have been in their current condition. To aid in their interpretation, the photographs are cross-referenced with topographic, wetlands, and soils maps.
- 2. Review of existing information. Museum collections are visited by DNH staff, and specimen label information is recorded for rare species. Published and unpublished information on natural areas within the inventory area is collected and assimilated in conjunction with the review of aerial photographs. Maps of lands within the survey area are gathered, BCD databases are accessed, and the known distribution of natural heritage resources is examined. Local naturalists, soil conservationists, foresters, and college faculty often are consulted for additional information. During this stage, some potential natural areas are eliminated from further consideration while others are added.
- 3. <u>Aerial reconnaissance</u>. When possible, selected potential natural areas are studied in more detail by aerial reconnaissance using small aircraft.
- 4. <u>Initial ground survey</u>. Initial ground reconnaissance is conducted in targeted, high priority sites. During this stage, land use activities are assessed, conspicuous element occurrences are documented, and, if necessary, follow-up visits are planned.
- 5. Thorough inventory of the site. During this stage, detailed information is collected on the rare species and exemplary natural communities present at a site. Portions of a site not visited on foot are evaluated on the basis of aerial photographs and other information. The area of land needed to protect the special biological features is determined. Threats and past or present disturbances are also evaluated. Element occurrence data are transcribed onto DNH maps and entered into the BCD system. Throughout this stage of concentrated field inventory, continual communication between DNH project team members (botanists, zoologists, and ecologists) is emphasized to ensure that all significant natural areas are visited by appropriate specialists and that data are coordinated. In addition, some flexibility is built into the process so that priorities can be adjusted when unexpected elements are encountered.

6. Compilation of results and preparation of final report. As field work is completed, DNH biologists review the information gathered and rank sites according to their ecological significance. Maps are drawn showing preliminary conservation planning boundaries, and protection and management recommendations are written. These are combined with site reports and other required information in preparing a final report.

The materials and methodology employed by the major disciplines in carrying out the Polecat Creek inventory are summarized below:

BOTANICAL INVENTORY

For purposes of this study, rare plants are defined as the rarest known species in the Commonwealth. They include species with global ranks of G1, G2, and G3, and state ranks of S1, S2, S3, SH, SX, and SU. Data on species with state ranks of S1, S2 (or S2S3), SH, and SX are maintained in the BCD system and summarized annually on a master list of Virginia's rare plants. Species with state ranks of S3 and SU are not tracked using BCD, but maintained on a separate "watchlist." Only general information about watchlist species is recorded in the field and maintained in manual information files.

To initiate the inventory of rare plants within the Polecat Creek watershed, existing data on element occurrences within and near the area to be surveyed were obtained from the BCD database and reviewed. Additional information was gathered from botanical literature and from examination of collections at the following institutions: College of William and Mary, George Mason University, Longwood College, Lynchburg College, National Arboretum, Old Dominion University, University of Richmond, U.S. National Herbarium (Smithsonian Institution), University of North Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. This preliminary research indicated that three rare plants were known from the watershed, New Jersey rush (Juncus caesariensis), was known from a collection near Coleman's Mill Crossing within the Polecat Creek drainage. Low water-milfoil (Myriophyllum humile) was known from Lake Caroline which was briefly surveyed during 1993 by DNH botanists, and dwarf chinquapin oak (Quercus prinoides) is known from two sites along the drainage divide near Peatross, this species was not found within the watershed.

Information on the watershed landscape was gathered through examination of aerial photographs, geologic maps, and topographic maps. These sources were examined to delineate the distribution of plant habitats and to identify sites with high potential for rare species occurrences. Data compiled on the area's rare plants, along with information on the distribution of plant habitats, was used to formulate field plans and prioritize field investigations.

In early spring of 1994, DNH botanists met to develop field plans for the coming season. During planning meetings, aerial photographs were re-examined to ensure that those areas most likely to support rare plants were checked. During the field investigations, communication between field botanists, ecologists, zoologists, and CBLAD personnel ensured that new data were shared and that all significant rare plant habitats were investigated.

Botanical field work began in August 1994. Habitat for potential rare plant species within the watershed was surveyed during the appropriate season for the target species. Field botanist Allen J. Belden was responsible for the field work, with considerable contributions also coming from DNH ecologists Gary P. Fleming and William H. Moorhead. Jean Tingler, Polecat Creek project coordinator, provided much logistical assistance and contributed to some of the survey work.

During the botanical investigation, field data were recorded during each site survey and were coordinated with data collected from the same site by ecologists and zoologists. These data included the site location, directions, and a site description, as well as comments on land use, potential hazards, exotic flora and fauna, and off-site considerations. When rare plant occurrences were located, additional data were recorded, including the date(s) when the species was found, population boundaries and concentrations within those boundaries, approximate number of individuals, reproductive and phenological status, and species viability. Habitat factors such as moisture, light, and associated species, as well as any apparent immediate or long-term threats to the rare species population were also noted. Photographs were taken or voucher specimens were collected to verify the identity of all rare species, and each occurrence was ranked on the basis of all available data.

ZOOLOGICAL INVENTORY

For the purposes of this study, rare animals are defined as the rarest known species in the Commonwealth. They include species with global ranks of G1, G2, and G3, and state ranks of S1, S2, S3, SH, SX, and SU. Data on species with state ranks of S1, S2 (or S2S3), SH, and SX are maintained in the BCD system and summarized annually on a master list of Virginia's rare animals. Most species with state ranks of S3 and SU are not tracked using BCD, but maintained on a separate "watchlist." Only general information about watchlist species is recorded in the field and maintained in manual information files.

To initiate inventory of rare animals at Polecat Creek, existing data on element occurrences within and near the installation were obtained from the BCD database and reviewed. Additional information was gathered from zoological literature and from examination of selected collections at the following institutions: U.S. Museum of Natural History, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Lord Fairfax Community College, Eastern Mennonite College, Old Dominion University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

This preliminary research indicated that no rare animal occurrences were known from the Polecat Creek drainage. However, surveys conducted at Fort A.P. Hill, in Caroline County during 1992, 1993, and 1994 revealed several rare odonates (dragonflies and damselflies), one rare crustacean, and two amphibian species which could potentially occur within the drainage. Also, a number of DNH watchlist species are known from the vicinity of Polecat Creek including the carpenter frog (Rana virgatipes), rainbow snake (Farancia erytrogramma), mud sunfish (Acantharcus pomotis), American brook lamprey (Lampetra appendix) and several odonate species.

During the spring of 1994, aerial photographs and various map sources were consulted to determine the extent of potential rare animal habitats. Subsequently, a field plan, based on all of the available preliminary information, was developed to direct investigation of potential rare species habitats for all animal groups.

Field work was initiated in May, 1994 and continued through March, 1995. These investigations, which covered birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, mussels, odonates (dragonflies and damselflies), butterflies, and other invertebrates, required repeated visits to several sites and potential habitats at different seasons. DNH zoologists Christopher S. Hobson, Dirk J. Stevenson, and Steven M. Roble were responsible for the work. Jean Tingler (CBLAD), Polecat Creek project coordinator, provided much logistical assistance and contributed to the survey work.

A variety of inventory and sampling methods were employed by the team's zoologists:

<u>Sweep nets</u> - lepidopterans, odonates, tiger beetles, and other flying invertebrates were sampled in terrestrial and aquatic habitats using sweep nets.

Dip nets - amphibians, fish, aquatic reptiles, and aquatic invertebrates were sampled using dip nets.

<u>Hand collection</u> - reptiles and amphibians, as well as some invertebrates, were collected by hand. Transects were walked through terrestrial habitats, where various cover objects were overturned in search of cryptic species.

Minnow traps - small fish, aquatic amphibians and reptiles, and aquatic invertebrates were sampled with minnow traps. Minnow traps were standard two-piece, dual-funnel, cage-type traps with small mesh.

Aquascope - mussel surveys were conducted using aquascopes made of 5-gallon buckets with see-through bottoms; these were used to see below the surface in riffle areas and deep or murky water. Mussels were removed from the substrate for identification and subsequently returned to the substrate in proper orientation. Shell material was collected by hand from muskrat middens, sand bars, and the stream bed when appropriate. Further information concerning mussel survey methods is provided in the accompanying mark-recapture project report.

<u>Transects</u> - transects were surveyed in various terrestrial and aquatic habitats for rare lepidopterans and odonates.

As in the botanical inventory, complete data were recorded for each site surveyed and additional data were recorded when rare animal occurrences were located. In cases where these sites were also visited by botanists and ecologists, the data were coordinated. All occurrences were ranked on the basis of available field data.

COMMUNITY INVENTORY

The need to protect rare species is generally well understood and appreciated, but the need to protect indigenous biotic communities sometimes requires explanation. Community classification, inventory, and protection should be regarded as an essential complement to rare species inventories. Communities represent functioning units of the landscape which:

- 1. support myriad life forms too cryptic or poorly known to be catalogued and prioritized individually;
- 2. provide the nurturing environment for both rare and common species;
- 3. contribute to the maintenance of larger ecosystems; and
- 4. possess unique intrinsic scientific, educational, and aesthetic values.

It is therefore important to locate, classify, and evaluate these communities as part of any comprehensive inventory of natural heritage resources.

For purposes of this study, significant communities are defined to include both outstanding examples of common community types (e.g. old-growth mixed hardwood forest) and all examples of rare community types (e.g. certain seepage-influenced, fire-maintained wetlands). Refer to Appendix A for the preliminary DNH classification of indigenous biotic communities.

Data collection began in early 1994 with a review of BCD database information and scientific literature. No existing information was available on natural communities of the Polecat Creek area, and rare species locations, which often indicate significant community occurrences, were also lacking. Therefore, staff ecologists relied heavily on aerial photographs, topographic maps, geologic maps, and soil surveys to identify potential sites for significant communities.

No previously documented significant communities were identified by this preliminary research, but large, tracts of bottomland forest and floodplain wetlands proved to be of interest.

Ecological field work began in August, 1994 and continued through March, 1995. During this period, sampling of high potential habitats was carried out in potentially significant areas of the watershed. As field work progressed and additional information became available, priorities and field plans were adjusted to ensure that all potential exemplary natural communities were surveyed.

Close communication was maintained with botanists and zoologists working on the project, and concurrent multidisciplinary investigation of highly significant sites was frequently arranged. Ecologist William H. Moorhead was responsible for most of the work, with contributions by field ecologist Gary P. Fleming and other DNH staff members. During the course of investigations, Jean Tingler of CBLAD provided additional community leads, helpful information on the land use history of potential sites, assistance with landowner contacts, and assistance in the field.

Complete standard information was collected from each site visited by ecologists and was coordinated with data collected by botanists and zoologists when necessary. When significant communities were located, additional data were collected on occurrence size, condition, boundaries, biotic and abiotic factors, floristics, evidence of disturbance, successional trends, and immediate or long-term threats. Community occurrences were ranked primarily by their quality and size.

INVENTORY RESULTS

The results of the field inventory (Section I) are presented in the following pages of this report. In part IV, site reports and maps for three areas determined to be conservation-worthy natural areas are presented. In part V, the overall findings of this inventory are summarized, and in part VI, preliminary protection and management recommendations are summarized.

As a result of this inventory, our knowledge of the fauna, flora and natural communities within the Polecat Creek watershed and surrounding areas has been increased significantly. Several new element occurrences were documented within the watershed including three animals, one plant, and one natural community as well as several watchlist species (Appendix B). The scope of this project gave insight into the overall character of the watershed; unfortunately, some of the best habitats, especially those with potential for swamp pink, were not accessible during the study period. Further survey within the

watershed is warranted to obtain a more thorough understanding of the potential and existing natural heritage resources.

IV. SITE REPORTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE SITE REPORTS

To facilitate management and enhance protection of biodiversity within the Polecat Creek drainage, boundaries have been provided for landscape units which merit practical and justifiable recommendation as conservation sites. A conservation site is a natural area that includes one or more element occurrences and has been assigned a biodiversity rank of at least B5. Reports follow for three conservation sites identified during the natural heritage resource inventory. The following standard reporting format is used for each conservation site identified within the survey area.

SITE NAME: Site names typically reflect a geographic locality and, in some cases, a prevalent landscape feature.

SIZE: The approximate acreage within the conservation planning boundary, as determined by planimeter, is given.

BIODIVERSITY RANK: The overall significance of the natural area, in terms of the rarity of natural heritage resources and the quality of their occurrences, is indicated. As described on page 4, these ranks range from B1 (very high significance) to B5 (general biodiversity significance).

LOCALITY: The county (or counties) containing the site is listed. All sites within the Polecat Creek drainage are in Caroline County.

QUADRANGLE: The name of the USGS 7.5' quadrangle map(s) that includes the site is listed.

QUADRANGLE CODE: The code used by DNH for the quadrangle is listed. The first five digits of the code represent latitude and longitude (in degrees) of the quadrangle.

LOCATION: Location of the site within the drainage and distance from some geographic landmark is given.

NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE SUMMARY TABLE: This field provides a synopsis of the natural heritage resources (rare species and significant communities), together with their status ranks (global, state, USFWS and Virginia legal) and element occurrence ranks.

SITE DESCRIPTION: A brief narrative describing the site, its significant elements, vegetation, habitat, and current land use is presented. The first reference to a species in a narrative is by scientific name, followed by common name in parentheses. Subsequent references to the same species are by common name only.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: The preliminary conservation planning boundary delineated in this report contains all known occurrences of natural heritage resources and adjacent lands required for their immediate protection. This information field explains the basis for the specific site boundaries.

THREATS: Threats to the site and its natural heritage resources are described. These may include both real, imminent threats and potential threats posed by types of land use activities or other factors that currently are not impacting the site.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: This field is a summary of the major issues and factors that should be considered in management of the site for its biodiversity and natural heritage resource values. As a rule, generalized recommendations are provided based on potential threats identified during the survey work. The expertise of inventory biologists familiar with each site, as well as input from DNH natural areas program biologists has been utilized in preparing these recommendations. However, within the context of a relatively short-term (one year) inventory effort on large sites, it may be difficult to identify highly specific management strategies. In addition, the management needs of some natural heritage elements are so obscure that additional study by experts may be needed. In many cases, monitoring of natural heritage elements or site factors is recommended to determine the best long-term management practices. In all cases, if land use changes or specific high-impact actions are proposed within a site's boundary, consultation with DNH staff is recommended to assess impacts on the natural heritage resources.

PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS: A summary of the actions and priority needed to ensure long-term protection of the site and its elements is provided.

REFERENCES: Pertinent literature and sources cited within the site report are listed.

SITE MAP: The site map, drawn on a copy of the USGS 7.5' quad(s), shows the preliminary conservation planning boundary which contains all known element occurrences and the land determined to be important for long-term maintenance of the elements. The following factors are considered when drawing these boundaries:

- the extent of current and potential habitat for rare species and exemplary natural communities;
- species movement and migration corridors;
- maintenance of surface water quality within the site and the surrounding watershed;
- maintenance of the hydrologic integrity of groundwater resources;
- land intended to mitigate a wide variety of off-site impacts;
- land or activities necessary to preclude or minimize exotic species; and
- land necessary for management activities, e.g. prescribed burning.

The boundaries are intended for conservation planning purposes and, at the very least, should prevent inadvertent damage to the natural areas.

ELEMENT LOCATION MAPS: Maps showing the exact location of each element occurrence within a site are included following the Site Map. In the case of animal elements, which are often highly mobile organisms, the maps indicate where actual collections were made and/or specimens were observed. These location maps are intended to provide resource managers, and landowners with requisite site-specific information. However, since rare species are often sensitive to disturbance or may be sought out by collectors, we strongly recommend that this information not be shared with the general public or with persons not directly involved in the stewardship of these sites.

COLEMAN'S MILL BOG

SIZE: ca. 14.2 acres BIODIVERSITY RANK: B3

LOCALITY: Caroline County

QUADRANGLE: Ruther Glen QUADRANGLE CODE: 3707784

LOCATION: Acidic hillside seepages along a powerline right of way at the crossing of two unnamed tributaries of Polecat Creek, from 0.6 to 1.0 miles ESE of Coleman's Mill Crossing.

NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES SUMMARY TABLE

ELEMENT NAME	GLOBAL RARITY <u>RANK</u>	STATE RARITY <u>RANK</u>	USFWS STATUS	VA LEGAL <u>STATUS</u>	ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RANK
Plants:					
Juncus caesariensis New Jersey rush	G2	S2	C2	С	С
Sarracenia purpurea Northern pitcher-plant	G5	S2S3			BC
Animals:		2022			a
Argia bipunctulata seepage dancer	G4	S2S3			С

SITE DESCRIPTION: This site encompasses two small acidic hillside seepages near the head of an unnamed tributary of Polecat Creek. Crossing the seeps is a powerline right of way, which appears to be kept open by periodic bushhogging. Slopes within the site boundary have gentle to moderately steep inclinations. The substrate at this site ranges from sand to sandy muck.

Areas along the powerline right of way appear to be bushhogged on a rotational basis with more recently or thoroughly cut areas being dominated by light demanding herbs such as twisted yellow-eyed-grass (Xyris torta), tall nutrush (Scleria triglomerata), Canadian St. John's-wort (Hypericum canadense), Maryland meadow-beauty (Rhexia mariana), Virginia meadow-beauty (R. virginica), brownish beakrush (Rhynchospora capitellata), slender beakrush (R. gracilenta), bushy bluestem (Andropogon glomerata), hairy umbrella-sedge (Fuirena squarrosa), and southern bog clubmoss (Lycopodiella appressa). Those areas not recently cut or left uncut are dominated by woody species, including red maple (Acer rubrum), sweet-bay magnolia (Magnolia virginiana), sweet pepper-bush (Clethra alnifolia), and withe-rod (Viburnum nudum). Other rushes (Juncus spp.) which could be confused with J. caesariensis are present at this site, most notably Canada rush (J. canadensis) which is very similar morphologically. Mosses (Sphagnum sp.) and greenbriar (Smilax sp.) are also common at this site. Three watchlist plants were also

recorded from this area including thyme-leaf pinweed (Lechea minor), hairy pinweed (Lechea mucronata), and wild ipecac (Euphorbia ipecacuanhae).

Approximately 250-300 fertile ramets of New Jersey rush were seen in a ca. 6×30 m area. Fertile ramets were in bud, flower or early fruit. Many of the plants appeared to be quite small, possibly as a result of bushhogging earlier in the growing season. Two subpopulations of the northern pitcher plant were noted in the two adjacent seepage areas within the site. The northernmost subpopulation contained greater than 100 clumps within a ca. 0.5 acre area, including numerous ramets in flower or fruit. The southernmost subpopulation contains greater than 50 clumps within a ca. 6×12 m area, and only one flowering/fruiting ramet was seen.

Open sphagnous areas and wet depressions caused by the collection of water in natural depressions and on occasion tire tracks serve as breeding habitat for the state-rare seepage dancer (*Argia bipunctulata*). As many as 20 of these animals were seen during several site visits in 1994. This brightly colored yet inconspicuous damselfly is closely associated with open acidic seepage habitats and bogs usually with abundant sphagnum, thus it has a highly localized distribution throughout its range. Individuals of this species generally feed and travel among emergent vegetation and typically perch on vertical stems within open habitats (Dunkle, 1990). This species is known from several other acidic seepage habitats within Caroline County, Virginia.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: The boundary (Fig. 3) includes the catchment basin contributing to and including the acidic seepage habitats and a small downstream buffer. Open habitats containing both rare plant species and breeding habitat for the rare damselfly are included within the boundary.

THREATS: Threats to the long-term survival of the rare plant and animal species at this site include alteration of the local hydrology, possibly timber harvest directly upstream of the site (possibly contributing to siltation), and direct impacts to the wetlands from ditching, filling, and off-road vehicle use. Excessive flooding due to the accumulation of rocks, culverts or other such materials at vehicular stream crossings may negatively impact the rare species at this site. Both rare plant species are light demanding and require open habitats, and thus may be threatened by succession of woody vegetation and subsequent canopy closure.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Prescribed burning is the preferred method for maintaining the open character of this site and reducing competition from woody species, and should be carried out during the early growing season on a 2-3 year rotational basis. Alternative methods to prescribed burning include manual removal of vegetation, bushhogging, and herbicide applied directly to woody plant species. Herbicides should not be used in a generalized application at this site. Bushhogging should be done prior to the growing season to reduce negative impacts to the New Jersey rush and northern pitcher plant populations. A long-term monitoring plan should be implemented at this site including pre- and post-treatment census of rare plant populations.

If land use (particularly hydrological) or management practices change within the site boundary, consult with DNH staff to avoid negative impacts to the natural heritage resources. Periodic censusing of the rare odonate population at the site is recommended.

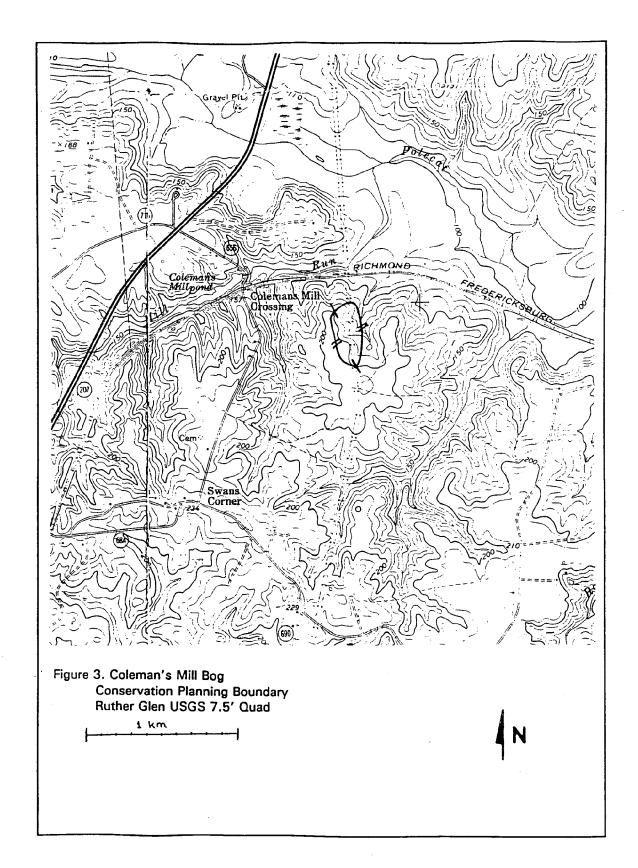
PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS: This site merits a high level of protection because of the presence of a globally rare federal candidate species and two state-rare species. Protection measures should include implementation of management recommendations and contacting landowners and land

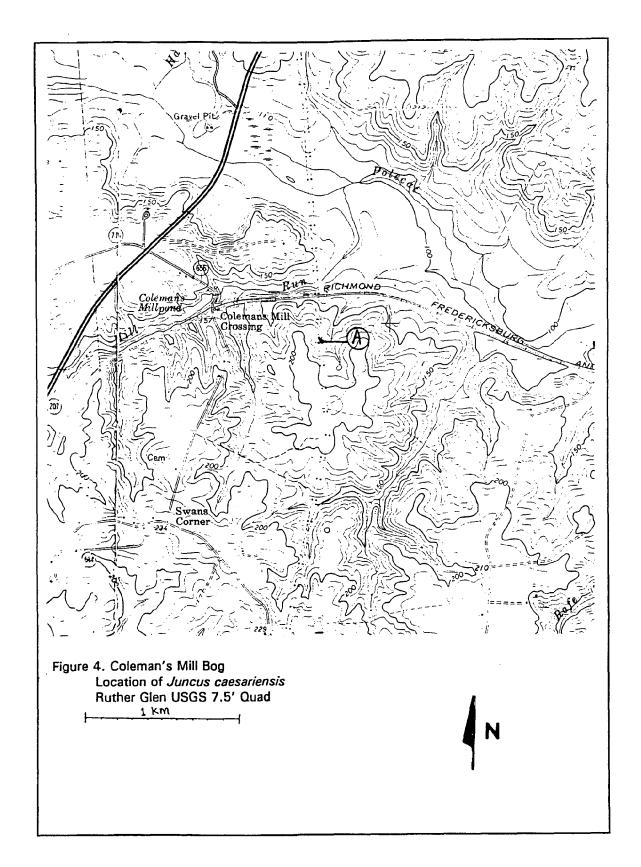
managers within and adjacent to the site to educate them and work cooperatively toward a successful long-term management plan for the site.

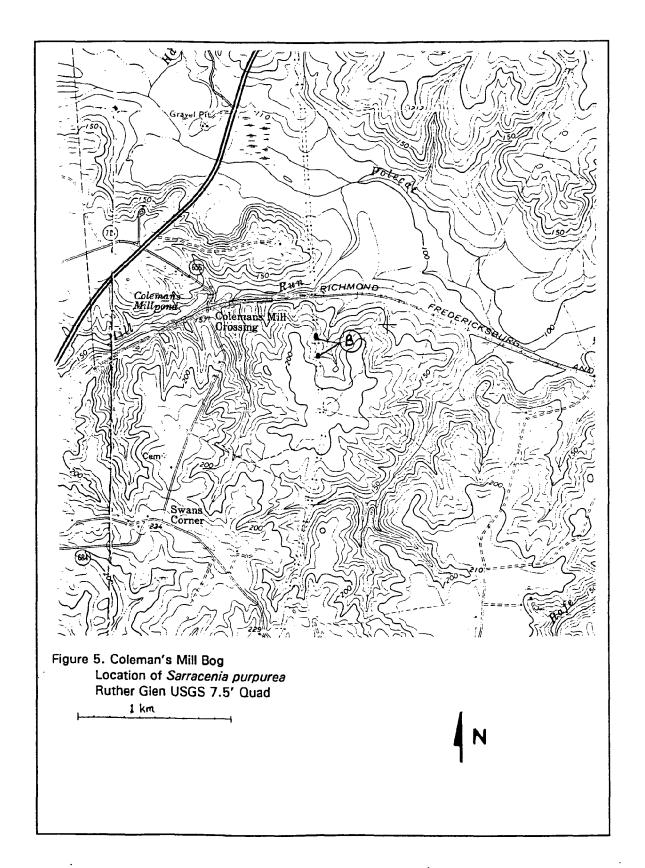
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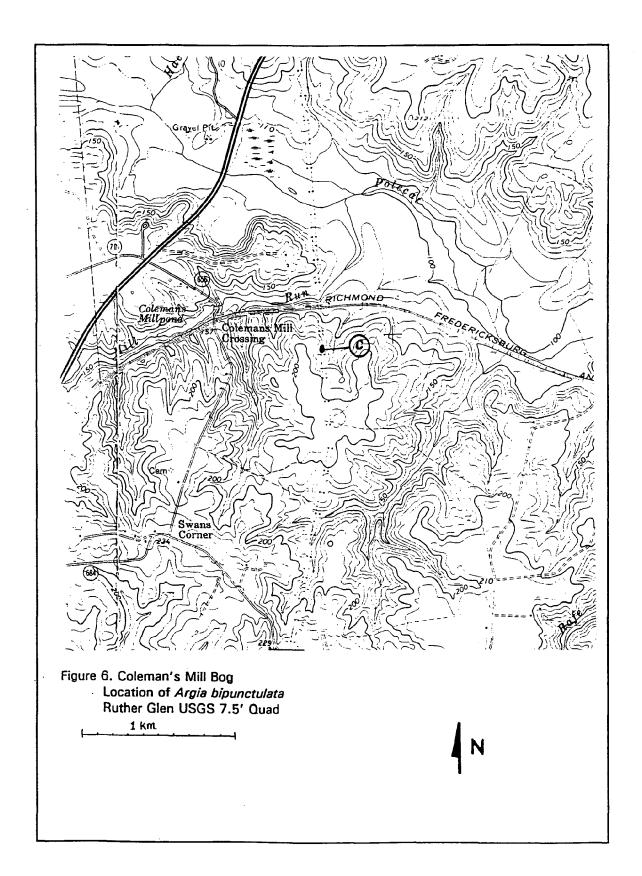
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LOWER POLECAT CREEK

SIZE: ca. 32 acres

BIODIVERSITY RANK: B5

LOCALITY: Caroline County

QUADRANGLE: Penola QUADRANGLE CODE: 3707783

LOCATION: Portion of Polecat Creek and adjacent bottomland and upland forest along the north bank, west and east of the Route 301 bridge. The area is approximately 2.5 km ESE of Penola.

ELEMENT NAME	GLOBAL RARITY <u>RANK</u>	STATE RARITY <u>RANK</u>	USFWS STATUS	VA LEGAL STATUS	ELEMENT OCCURRENCE RANK

Eutrophic seasonally flooded

CD

forest

SITE DESCRIPTION: This site encompasses a section of bottomland along Polecat Creek, which supports a significant stand of mature basket oak-sweet gum (Quercus michauxii-Liquidambar styraciflua) forest, classified as eutrophic seasonally flooded forest. The significance of the stand is in its maturity, and the size of the canopy trees: 2.5 to 3 feet diameter, and many 100-120 feet tall. Generally in Virginia's Coastal Plain, few other bottomland sites have escaped both logging and beaver disturbance long enough to develop 150+ year old near-climax condition forest of the type found at this site. Other tree species within the stand include sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) and willow oak (*Quercus phellos*). Dominant species in the understory are red maple (*Acer rubrum*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), American holly (*Ilex opaca*), and American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*). Herbaceous species in the stand include greater bladder sedge (*Carex intumescens*), wood-reed (*Cinna arundinacea*), starved aster (*Aster lateriflorus*), and Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: Primary and secondary boundaries include adjacent bottomland corridor and a 100 foot buffer to protect the hydrologic regime associated with the community, and give some protection from wind damage. Recommended protection boundaries for this site are shown in Figure 7.

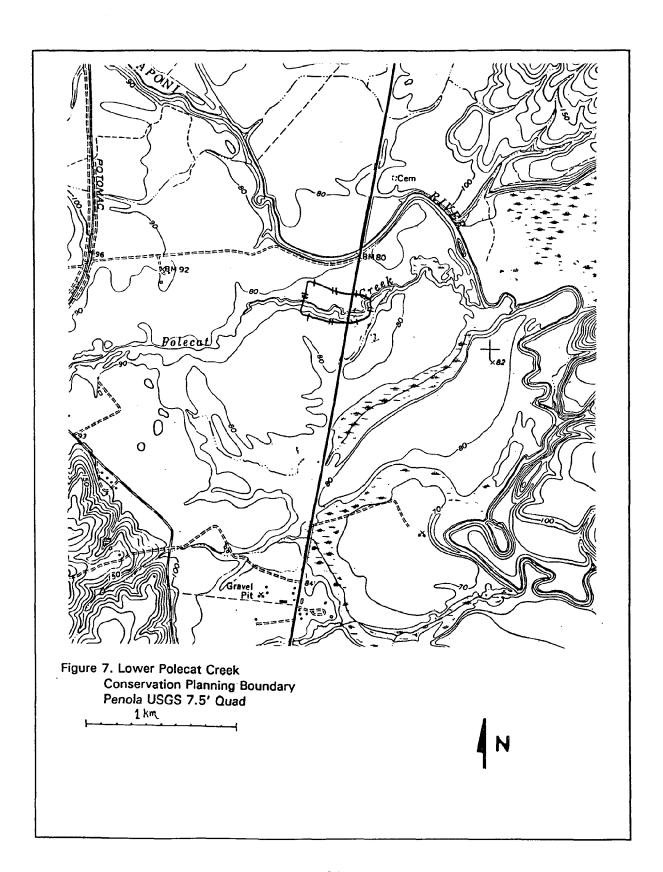
THREATS: Logging within or around the site boundary is considered the primary threat to the quality of this community. However, water quality and maintaining the current hydrological regime within the site should also be considered. Beavers are active within this portion of Polecat Creek and their expansion into this site should be considered a threat to the integrity of this community.

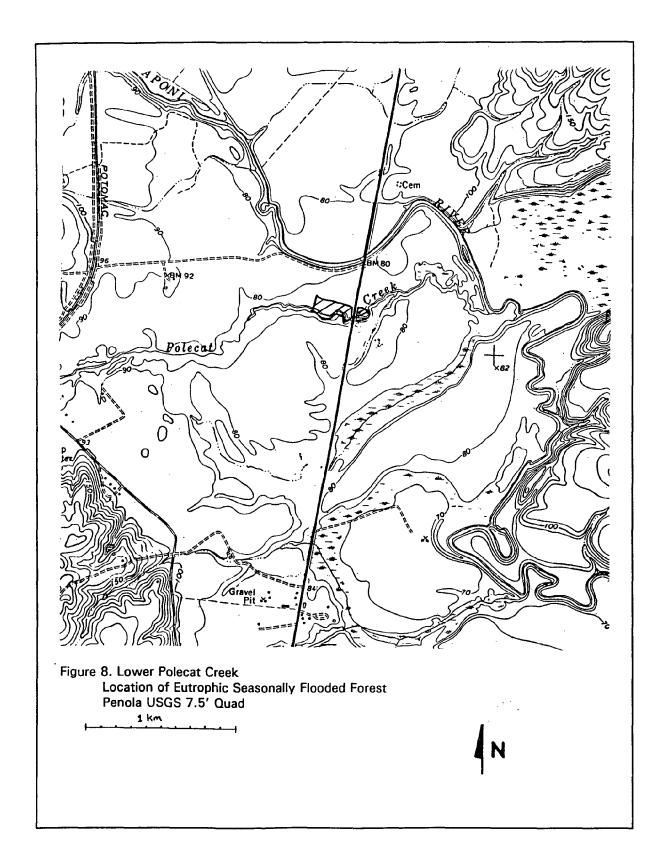
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Work with landowners to develop a management plan which provides for the maintenance of this site, and protection of the exemplary natural community. Avoid timber harvest, and monitor the condition of the community periodically. Continue water quality monitoring within the drainage. Monitor beaver activity in the vicinity of this site and implement control measures if necessary.

PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS: This site warrants protection because of the exemplary stand of near-climax condition forest classified as eutrophic seasonally flooded forest. Work with landowners to avoid timber harvest or degradation of the site.

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PENOLA BOTTOMLAND

SIZE: ca. 38 acres

BIODIVERSITY RANK: B5

LOCALITY: Caroline County

QUADRANGLE: Penola QUADRANGLE CODE: 3707783

LOCATION: Approximately 0.4 to 1.0 km SSW to WSW of Penola along Polecat Creek. Site begins upstream of county route 601 bridge and extends downstream of the bridge approximately 0.4 km

NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES SUMMARY TABLE

ELEMENT NAME	GLOBAL RARITY <u>RANK</u>	STATE RARITY <u>RANK</u>	USFWS STATUS	VA LEGAL <u>STATUS</u>	ELEMENT OCCURRENCE <u>RANK</u>
ANIMALS: Macromia illinoiensis georgina	G5T5	S2			С
Georgia river cruiser Somatochlora filosa fine-lined emerald	G5	S 2			С

site description: The site consists of a portion of Polecat Creek east and west of the Route 601 bridge near Penola, Virginia. Much of the area is second or third growth bottomland forest with some older, more mature trees scattered throughout. Backwaters and flooded forested depressions were encountered primarily on the south side of the creek within the site. Emergent vegetation was abundant in backwaters and open stretches of the creek in the downstream portion of the site. Substrate within the site consists of sand and sandy mud, and the creek bed was primarily sand with detritus accumulations and slower moving sections holding a mucky substrate. Uplands bordering the site have canopy dominants of river birch (Betula nigra), sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua), red maple (Acer rubrum), and green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) with some scattered loblolly pine (Pinus taeda) and Virginia pine (Pinus virginiana). Catbriar (Smilax rotundifolia) was noted as an important component of the shrub layer, while wood-reed (Cinna arundinacea) and sedges in the genus Carex were dominant in the herbaceous layer.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: Primary and secondary boundaries include a portion of bottomland and adjacent upland habitat downstream of the Route 601 bridge, and a small portion of bottomland upstream of the bridge. This boundary includes a recommended buffer zone to protect water quality and maintain current habitat within the site. Figure 9 shows the recommended conservation boundary for this site.

THREATS: Disturbance of the hydrologic regime within or surrounding the site may have negative impacts on natural heritage resources. Beaver populations within the drainage may alter the hydrology of the area, significantly impacting aquatic habitats used by rare odonates present at this site. Water quality is considered the most important factor in maintaining populations of rare odonates within the site.

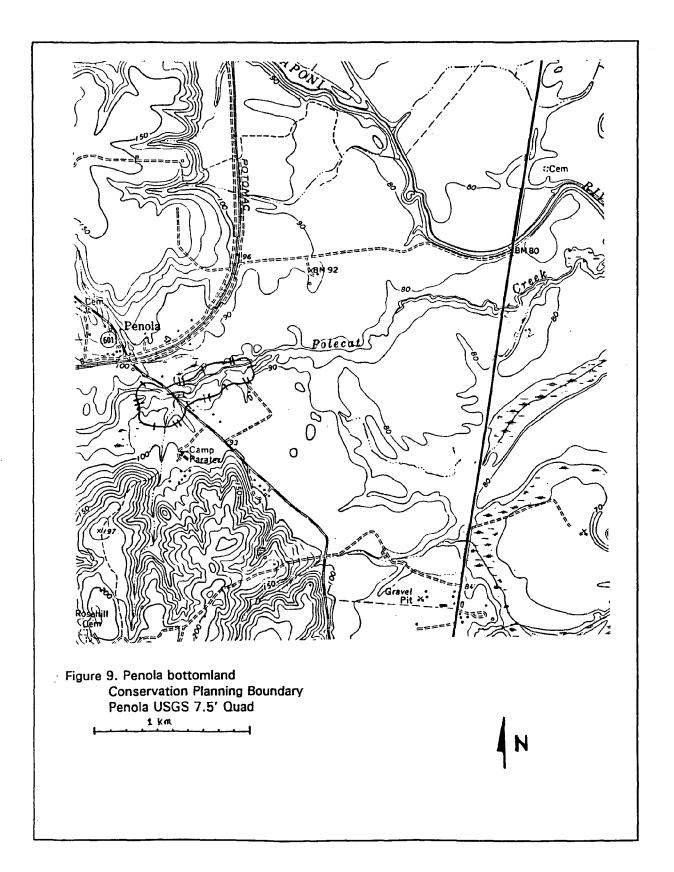
Although not currently a threat within the Polecat Creek drainage, the spread of the gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) and consequent use of pesticides containing chitin inhibitors (notably Dimilin) may pose a threat to the long-term survival of these species.

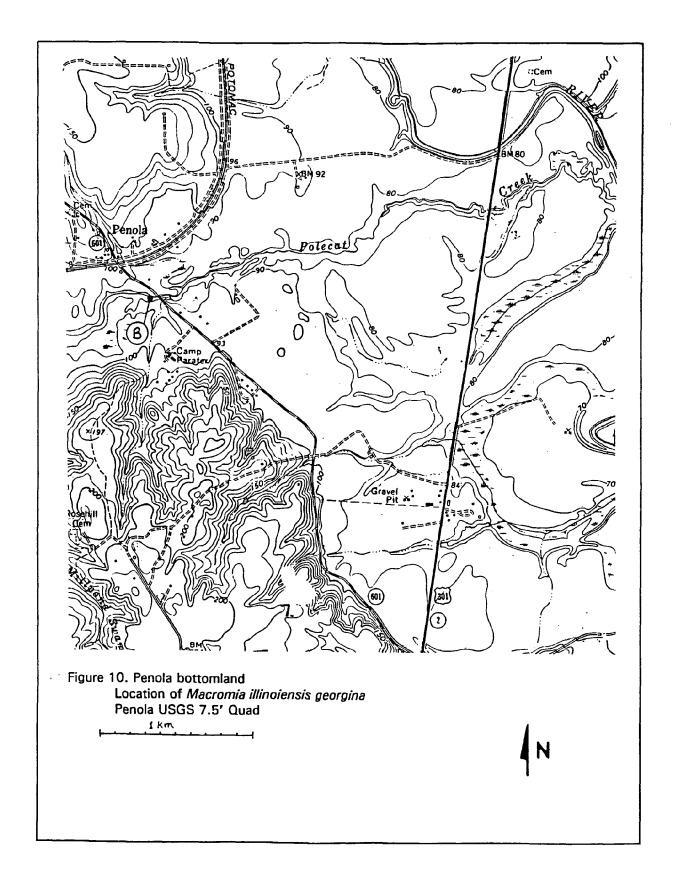
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Periodic census of the odonate populations at this site is recommended to determine status and abundance. Monitor beaver activities within the area and implement control measures if necessary. Continue to monitor water quality in Polecat Creek and work with landowners to ensure maintenance of the forest cover and hydrologic regime within the site. If the gypsy moth becomes a factor in the drainage, the use of Dimilin should be discouraged within or upstream of the site.

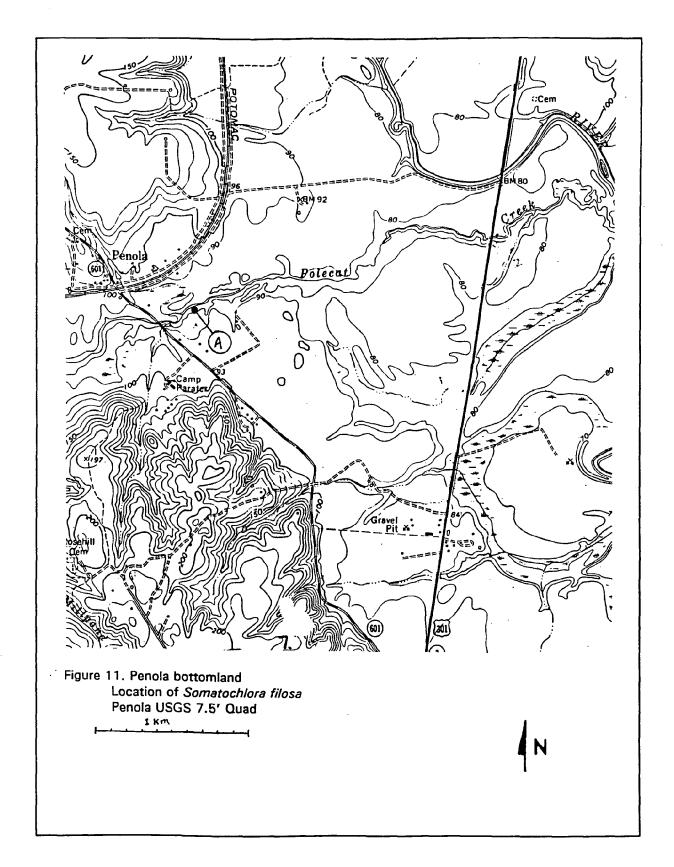
PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS: Work with landowners to secure protection for the species at this site and develop a long term management plan which will ensure the species' survival. Implement management recommendations noted above, and consult with DNH regarding changes in land use or management practices.

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V. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A total of six element occurrences were found within the Polecat Creek drainage in the course of the Natural Heritage Inventory. These included one globally rare plant, a state rare plant, three state rare odonates (dragonflies and damselflies), and one natural community. A historic occurrence of low water-milfoil (Myriophyllum humile) is known from Lake Caroline. The lake was briefly surveyed in 1993, and is currently thought to be too eutrophic to support a population of this species. However, this species could potentially occur as a remnant population in areas of the lake which have not been heavily eutrophied (e.g. stream input areas). Dwarf chinquapin oak (Quercus prinoides) is known from the drainage divide near Petross, but was not encountered in those areas surveyed in 1994 and 1995.

As a result of the Natural Heritage Inventory of the Polecat Creek drainage, three conservation sites were proposed to protect the rare species and significant communities within them. Two rare plants (Juncus caesariensis, Sarracenia purpurea) and one rare odonate (Argia bipunctulata) were documented at the Coleman's Mill Bog Conservation Site. Two rare odonates (Macromia illinoiensis georgina, Somatochlora filosa) were documented from the Penola Bottomland Conservation Site. One exemplary natural community (eutrophic seasonally flooded forest) was documented at the Lower Polecat Creek conservation site.

In addition, several watchlist species were recorded from various areas within the Polecat Creek watershed. Appendix B summarizes watchlist species found during this inventory.

VI. SUMMARY OF PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Six natural heritage element occurrences were documented within the Polecat Creek watershed. For the most part, the protection and management activities required to maintain the viability of these occurrences should have little significant impact on the overall land use within the watershed. Through careful planning and early consultation with DNH staff when specific actions are proposed, most potential conflicts can be avoided or resolved.

Potential threats to element occurrences, along with site-specific protection and management recommendations, are detailed for each of the three conservation sites described in this report. The conservation planning boundary drawn for each site should alert resource managers, landowners and planning agencies to the need for special planning when certain types of potentially threatening actions are proposed within these areas. Additional management activities needed to control biotic threats (e.g. beavers, gypsy moth) or to maintain habitat conditions (e.g. prescribed burning) are outlined when appropriate.

All of the rare species and the exemplary community listed in this report are associated with wetland habitats (streams, seeps) fed by somewhat nutrient-poor groundwater seepage and streams. In most cases, maintenance of requisite habitat conditions requires protection of upslope hydrologic recharge zones and sufficient buffer to ensure the quality and quantity of both groundwater seepage and surface water. These considerations are strongly reflected in the conservation planning boundary location and specific recommendations for most of the sites.

In this section, protection and management recommendations are summarized on an element-by-element basis. As a rule, recommendations are based on actual and potential threats identified during the survey work. It may be difficult, however, to identify highly specific management strategies because of time constraints and the focus on inventory during this type of study. In the case of a few natural heritage resources, management needs may be so obscure or complex that additional research is needed. In many cases, monitoring of element occurrences is recommended to determine the best long-term management practices. In all cases, if land use changes or specific high-impact actions are proposed within a site's boundary, consultation with DNH staff is recommended to assess impacts on the natural heritage resources.

COMMUNITIES:

Element name: Eutrophic Seasonally Flooded Forest

One occurrence of this exemplary community was documented within the watershed, at the Lower Polecat Creek conservation site. The significance of the stand is in its maturity, and the size of the canopy trees: 2.5 to 3 feet diameter, and many 100-120 feet tall. Generally in Virginia's Coastal Plain, few other bottomland sites have escaped both logging and beaver disturbance long enough to develop 150+ year old near-climax condition forest of the type found at this site. Management recommendations include working with landowners to develop a management plan which provides for the maintenance of this site, and protection of the exemplary natural community. Avoid timber harvest, and monitor the condition of the community periodically. Continue water quality monitoring within the drainage. Monitor beaver activity in the vicinity of this site and implement control measures if necessary.

PLANTS:

Element name: Juncus caesariensis Common name: New Jersey rush

Global/state ranks: G2/S2

Legal status: federal and state candidate for listing

This globally rare species has a limited and irregular range in boggy habitats from New Jersey to Virginia, with outlying disjunctions in Nova Scotia and the mountains of North Carolina. One occurrence was reverified within the watershed during this inventory. This plant is a light-demanding species which requires open, usually sphagnous, groundwater-saturated habitats. This occurrence is interesting because of its location within a powerline right of way, and because management needs may be somewhat different from other sites where this species occurs. Flooding from blockages at vehicular road crossings, and direct disturbance of individual plants are considered the main threats at this site. Secondary threats include hydrologic perturbations from upslope timber harvests and road construction. Protection and management needs include the removal of debris obstructing the flow of seepages within the powerline right of way; and avoidance of timber harvests, road construction, and other activities which could adversely affect the hydrologic stability of the habitat. Monitoring of this species before and after treatment is recommended to determine the effectiveness of management techniques.

Element name: Sarracenia purpurea Common name: northern pitcher-plant

Global/state ranks: G5/S2S3

This species is a characteristic plant of bogs in southern Canada and the north-central and northeastern United States, extending south along the Coastal Plain to Louisiana. The plants of Caroline County, Virginia belong to var. purpurea, the northern phase of the species, which reaches its southernmost limits in Virginia. One occurrence has been documented within the watershed at the Coleman's Mill Bog conservation site. Prescribed burning is the recommended method of management at this site, although other methods such as manual removal of woody vegetation (possibly with direct application of herbicides to woody species) and bushhogging may be used as secondary management methods. In addition, upslope timber harvests, road construction (especially across the seepage habitat), and other potential sources of hydrologic perturbation should be avoided. Further monitoring of this species (pre- and post-treatment) is recommended to ensure the survival of this population, and monitor success of management practices.

ANIMALS:

Element name: Argia bipunctulata Common name: seepage dancer

Global/state ranks: G4S2

One occurrence of this damselfly (ca. 20 individuals) was documented within the watershed, in the Coleman's Mill Bog conservation site. The seepage dancer is locally distributed within a wide range which includes much of the southeastern United States. Protection and management of this species' open, seepage-influenced habitat at Coleman's Mill Bog should include the avoidance of upslope timber harvests, road construction, and other hydrologic perturbations. Open conditions at the site appear to be

maintained, at least in the past, by periodic bushhogging of the site. Baseline monitoring of the population and vegetation management of this site are recommended to ensure long-term survival of this population.

Element name: Macromia illinoiensis georgina

Common name: Georgia river cruiser

Global/state ranks: G5T5/S1S2

One occurrence of this dragonfly (a single teneral male) was documented within the watershed, in the Penola Bottomland conservation site. This species is fairly common throughout its range. However, the subspecies M. i. georgina is relatively uncommon in Virginia, occupying medium to large, generally slow-moving streams and rivers in Virginia's Coastal Plain and southern Piedmont. Protection and management recommendations for this species include maintaining water quality within the drainage, and monitoring of the population to determine status and abundance.

Element name: Somatochlora filosa Common name: fine-lined emerald

Global/state ranks: G5/S2

One occurrence of this dragonfly (a single adult male) was documented within the watershed, in the Penola Bottomland conservation site. This species is rare in Virginia, and occurs primarily within the southeastern portion of the state. This occurrence represents the northernmost known locality for this species in Virginia. Dunkle (1989) reports that this species breeds in sheet flow swamp thickets and backwaters of slow-moving streams. The habitat where this species was documented is a slow-moving portion of Polecat Creek with abundant emergent vegetation, in proximity to backwater pools and flooded forested depressions. Although no evidence of reproduction was documented, the habitat at the collection site appears to be similar to breeding habitats at other locations in Virginia where this species has been documented. Protection and management recommendations include periodic census of odonate populations to determine presence/absence, number of individuals, etc.; continue water quality monitoring and work toward a long-term management plan for the site at which this species occurs.

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SECTION II. A MARK RECAPTURE STUDY OF ELLIPTIO COMPLANATA

INTRODUCTION

The Polecat Creek drainage encompasses approximately 30,000 acres in south-central Caroline County, Virginia. As part of a combined inventory and monitoring project, DCR-DNH was contracted by CBLAD to identify and mark three populations of the eastern elliptio (*Elliptio complanata*) within the watershed. Initially, populations were identified at three distinct sites (gauge stations B,D,E) within the watershed. Unfortunately, the site located furthest downstream (site E) was inundated and subsequently destroyed by beaver activity during the Fall of 1994. Consequently, only two sites (sites B and D) were marked for future study.

Prior to this study, only one mussel species was reported from the watershed. Stevenson (1994) found Elliptio complanata at three of four proposed gauging station sites that he surveyed (Stevenson, 1994). Of particular interest is the absence of the introduced asian clam (Corbicula fluminea). This species is well established in other tributaries of the Mattaponi River. The federally endangered dwarf wedgemussel (Alasmidonta heterodon) has been found in the Mattaponi River drainage, and although potential habitat for the species exists in Polecat Creek and its tributaries, this species has not been recorded here. Stevenson (1994) reported that favorable conditions for several other species including the triangle floater (Alasmidonta undulata), yellow lance (Elliptio lanceolata), and squawfoot (Strophitus undulatus) exist within the watershed, although they were not recorded during his surveys.

Polecat Creek and its tributaries lie partly within the Piedmont and partly within the Coastal Plain. Substrates and soils characteristic of both regions can be found within the watershed. Stevenson (1994) speculated that this geographic location may be a cause for the lack of several species which tend to occur in the Piedmont. In western portions of the watershed, stream habitats typify those of the Piedmont with generally more coarse substrates and higher flow rates. In eastern portions of the watershed, stream habitats are more Coastal Plain in character with more sandy substrates, and slower moving water.

Water quality within Polecat Creek seems to be fairly good, with clear to moderately turbid waters depending on nutrient input, siltation, and recharge rates. The water is often tea-colored, due to excessive amounts of tannins from decaying vegetation. Several tributaries of Polecat Creek, including Stevens Mill Run, seem to have slightly more turbid waters, and typically are silt-laden even in areas with moderately high flow rates. Beaver populations, which seem to be quite vigorous, also impact water quality and flow rates, sometimes directly affecting mussel populations. With increased beaver activity, silt loads and flow rates are expected to fluctuate greatly. Toxic spills, including petroleum products, have been documented within the watershed particularly in proximity to Interstate 95. These inputs may drastically impact mussel and fish populations in the short-term, and with repeated spills, long-term affects can be expected.

A major portion of the Polecat Creek watershed is designated as primary growth area in the Caroline County comprehensive plan. Significant urban development activity is expected in the area within the next ten years. Monitoring water quality and the effects of urban development on populations of freshwater mussels is a primary objective of this mark-recapture study, and with data collected from water quality monitoring stations at five sites within the drainage, the effects of toxic spills, increased sediment loads, and other by-products of urbanization can be monitored closely.

This report summarizes the preliminary results, materials and methods used, descriptions of study sites, and comparison of preliminary results with those of other researchers.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Populations of freshwater mussels were identified at two distinct sites (gauging stations B and D) within the watershed. These sites were chosen based on the presence of mussels reported during previous surveys (Stevenson, 1994), and available natural or man-made barriers effectively isolating these populations for study.

Site B consisted of an approximately section of Stevens Mill Run which began approximately 13 meters downstream of the County Route 601 bridge and continued to the second of two bedrock ledges approximately 90 meters downstream.

Site D consisted of an approximately 750 meter section of Polecat Creek from Interstate 95 downstream to a bedrock ledge 10 meters upstream of the County Route 652 bridge.

The primary survey method employed was aquascoping using five gallon buckets with clear plexiglass bottoms. Mussels were easily observed in the substrate using this technique. Handpicking and searching sandbars for discarded and dead shells were additional techniques used to locate specimens where applicable. Another technique which was not used during these surveys is searching muskrat middens. No muskrat middens were observed along those areas of the streams surveyed. Each site was thoroughly and systematically searched over four consecutive days.

All individual mussels observed were removed from the substrate, cleaned, dried and uniquely marked using individually numbered, plasticized paper tags. All tags were fixed to the right valve of the shell (anterior end) using Superglue brand adhesive; some individuals were double-tagged on opposite sides of the shell at site B. Once the adhesive had dried, mussels were returned to the approximate vicinity of their capture and placed in the proper orientation in the substrate. Mussels spent a maximum of 1.5 hours out of the water while allowing the glue to completely set.

Dial calipers were used to record measurements of shell length, height and width for each individual animal (see Figure 12 for measurements taken). Data on sex, age and reproductive condition were not recorded for individuals marked during this survey. Size data collected for all mussels is presented in Appendix C.

SITE DESCRIPTIONS

The survey area at site B provided a variety of suitable habitats for mussels including riffle, run, and pool areas with sand and gravel substrates interspersed with cobble and some bedrock. Stevens Mill Run at this site is a moderately small stream, from four to seven meters wide, and ranging from 0.1 - 1.0 meters in depth. Run type habitats were of moderate depths and typically held sand or gravel substrates. Riffle habitats were more shallow, and substrates were typically a sand and gravel mixture. Pool habitats were generally deeper and held primarily sand and cobble substrates with higher sediment loads. Water quality at this site was good, but somewhat more turbid and with a higher sediment load than the Polecat Creek site.

The survey area at site D provided similar habitats to those at site B, although this site contained comparatively larger quantities of these habitats. Polecat Creek within this site was approximately four to eight meters wide with depths ranging from approximately 0.1 m to nearly one meter in the deepest pools. Riffle habitats were generally shallow and contained mostly gravel and sand substrates. However,

those areas of riffle in the downstream sections of the site were noticeably more rocky with a greater component of cobble interspersed with pockets of sand and gravel. Riffle habitats occurring where bedrock protruded from the banks were somewhat deeper than others. Run type habitats, found primarily in the middle stretches of the site, were of moderate depths and generally had sand, gravel or mixed sand/gravel substrates. Pool habitats were relatively common in areas where beaver had impounded the stream. Substrates in these areas were silty or sandy in composition. Several small stretches of generally unsuitable habitat had bedrock or clay substrates. Water quality was noticeably better at this site than at site B with clear to slightly turbid water, except in those areas impacted by beaver.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 356 eastern elliptio was captured and marked at site B. Mussel densities were extremely high at this site compared to site D; all individuals were captured in an approximately 90 meter section of the Stevens Mill Run. Additionally, two species of native freshwater mussels previously unrecorded from the watershed were encountered at this site, including one adult squawfoot (Strophitus undulatus), and 11 eastern floater (Pyganadon cataracta). Several recaptures of elliptio marked during fall 1994 were recorded at site B during further survey efforts in mid March, 1995. Of 83 individuals marked during 1994, 38 were recaptured during March, 1995. Recapture data is provided in Appendix C.

For analysis, all eastern elliptio were placed into size classes based on their length measurement. The smallest numbers of individuals fell into the 20-40 and 100-115 mm size classes with four each. Intermediate size classes of 40-55, 55-70, and 85-100 mm contained 19, 87, and 54 individuals, respectively. The largest number of individuals (188) fell into the 70-85 mm size class. Fifty-three percent of the population at this site was in the 70-85 mm size class. This suggests that the population is made up of primarily moderate-sized adult animals with relatively few juveniles and large adults. The size frequency distribution of the Stevens Mill Run population of eastern elliptio is presented in Figures 13 and 14.

The density of mussels observed in Stevens Mill Run greatly exceeds that reported by Stevenson (1994), and includes two additional species not found by him. Stevenson (1994) reported a total number of 32 live mussels and 7 dead shells (all eastern elliptio) within a 600 m survey area which includes the entirety of our survey area, and a considerable amount of habitat both upstream and downstream of the area surveyed for this report. Differences in reported mussel density at this site may be attributable to the timing of surveys and total search effort. Stevenson (1994) conducted intensive surveys (107 minutes survey time) during early February, a period during which many mussels may have receded into the substrate or may have been concealed by leaf pack. Our surveys were considerably more time-consuming and intensive, and were conducted mostly during mid-March, when mussels may have been more active and several fairly recent rain events had flushed most of the leaf pack from the substrate.

A total of 473 eastern elliptio was captured and marked at site D. Density of mussels at this site was much less than at site B considering the greater length of the survey area and availability of habitat. All individuals were eastern elliptio, and were distributed patchily throughout the habitat, with several areas containing high densities while others produced very low densities. Mussels were most common at this site in the middle reaches of the survey area in deeper riffles and rocky or gravelly and moderately deep run habitats. Areas with predominantly cobble or mixed cobble/sand/gravel substrates were the least productive, and those areas with clay or bedrock substrates were only slightly more productive.

Size classes used for analysis of this population were comparable to those used for site B, with slightly

different distributions of individuals within them. The largest number of individuals (220) fell into the 55-70 mm class, while the smallest numbers of individuals were in the 20-40 and 100-115 mm classes with one and two individuals, respectively. Intermediate size classes of 40-55, 70-85, and 85-100 mm held 56, 167, and 27 individuals, respectively. Forty-seven percent of the population was in the 55-70 mm size class as opposed to 24% in this class at site B. This distribution within size classes is somewhat different than in the population at site B. The large number of individuals in the 55-70 mm size class suggests a slightly younger overall population at this site, but may reflect environmental differences between the sites such as food availability or water chemistry. It is possible that growth rates are different between the two sites. However, this cannot be ascertained without age data. The size-frequency distribution of the Polecat Creek population of eastern elliptic is presented in Figures 13 and 14.

The density of mussels reported from survey site D are also not consistent with those reported by Stevenson (1994), who found only 132 individuals in 153 minutes of searching within a much greater survey area (1020 m). Our survey area is totally within the area surveyed by Stevenson. Furthermore, most of the mussels that he observed were found in the furthest downstream section of his survey area, most of which is below the County Route 652 bridge (not included in our site). Our survey showed that most of the mussels were found in the middle reaches of the site, well upstream of the bridge. Again, the discrepancy could lie in the factors associated with different survey periods and total amount of survey effort as mentioned for the previous site.

SUMMARY

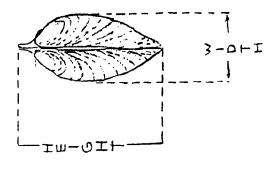
Two populations of the eastern elliptio were identified and marked at two sites within the Polecat Creek watershed. Several recaptures of elliptio marked during Fall 1994 were recorded at site B during further survey efforts in late winter 1995. Three species were identified at site B, two of which had not been previously documented within the watershed (Strophitus undulatus, Pyganadon cataracta). A total of 356 individual elliptio was captured and individually tagged at site B, with the largest percentage of the population (53%) in the 70-85 mm class size. At site D, a total of 473 elliptio was captured and individually tagged. The largest percentage of this population (47%) fell in the 55-70 mm size class, possibly indicating a younger population than at site B. Mussel densities for both sites were considerably greater than those reported by Stevenson (1994). Several environmental or biological factors could explain these discrepancies in reported mussel densities.

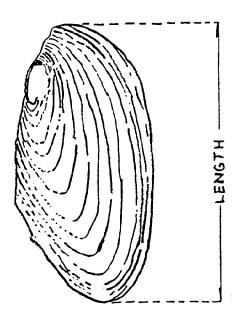
Individually tagged mussels will be used to monitor overall population trends over the next ten years to determine the effects of urbanization on the survival of these mussels. Further survey within the watershed may reveal the presence of other species of mussels or new populations of species documented here.

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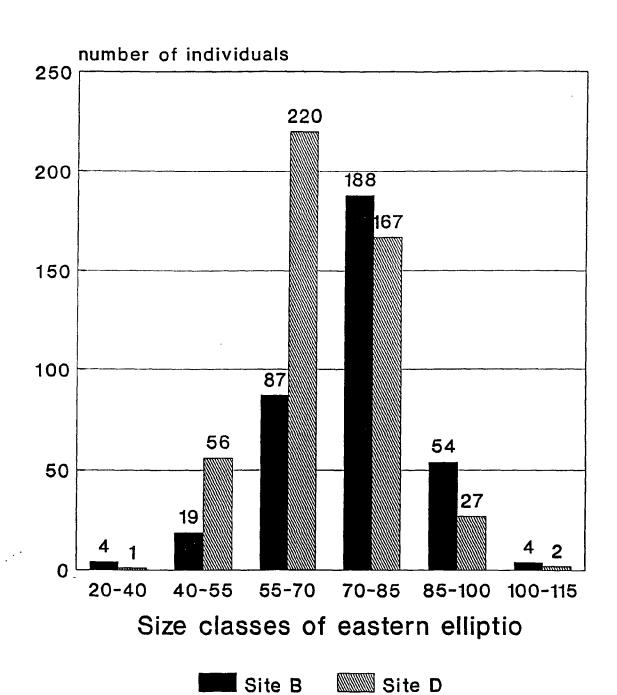
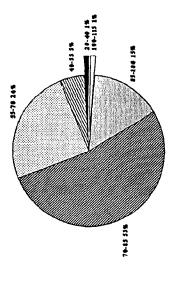


Figure 13. Frequency distribution histogram for sites B and D -- total # of individuals

Frequency of individuals per size class for population B



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percent of population

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Frequency of individuals per size class for population D

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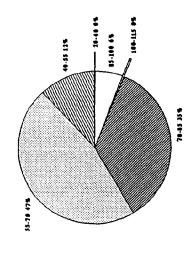
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Size classes of eastern elliptio

Site D

Site B



based on length measurments

based on length measurements

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APPENDIX A

A CLASSIFICATION OF VIRGINIA'S INDIGENOUS BIOTIC COMMUNITIES: VEGETATED TERRESTRIAL, PALUSTRINE, AND ESTUARINE COMMUNITY CLASSES

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INTRODUCTION:

The goal of this work is to create a framework for understanding and classifying Virginia's indigenous biotic communities. Achieving this goal has direct bearing on the success of the Division of Natural Heritage whose mission is to document the status, distribution, and ecology of native species and their habitats in the Commonwealth, protect these living resources by way of a system of natural area preserves, and provide information and technical advice to individuals, organizations, and agencies. Community classification and inventory represents a "coarse-filter" approach to biological conservation which secures the protection of a vast number of cryptic or poorly known species. Also, it brings needed attention to the aesthetic, scientific, and ecosystem function values of natural communities. The present draft of the classification deals with communities supporting vascular plant species within the Terrestrial, Palustrine and Estuarine Systems. It supplants appropriate sections of an earlier Division of Natural Heritage classification (Rawinski, 1990).

CLASSIFICATION PRINCIPLES AND METHODS:

A classification system is an organized form of cataloging based on fixed principles. Community classifications vary widely, largely because principles vary in accord with classification purposes. The ultimate purpose of this effort is to name, describe, and differentiate Associations - the basic systematic units. Unfortunately, these units have not yet been identified because of insufficient information. However, the upper levels of a hierarchy, described here, will help partition the great diversity of the natural world into logical units; this in turn will help us identify and understand relationships among the Associations. The hierarchical levels within the final draft of the Virginia classification will likely be:

SYSTEM
CLASS
ALLIANCE
ASSOCIATION
SUBASSOCIATION.

communities of life are inextricably associated with the physical environment, and ignoring edaphic-ecological factors when constructing a "community" classification is difficult. When classifications use biotic and abiotic factors to differentiate the basic systematic units (e.g. Reschke, 1990; Schafale and Weakley, 1990), these units are best characterized as "ecosystems", or "ecosystem units". In the Virginia classification, the basic systematic units - the Associations - will be differentiated entirely on the basis of their biological characteristics, with edaphic-ecological factors used in a complementary manner. Consequently, this draft of the Virginia community classification does not require any prior formal or ad hoc classification of physiographic region, landform, or habitat. It also avoids the use of terms such as bog, marsh, and fen in community names because such terms tend to vary in meaning, or reflect an ecosystem or landform approach to classification. Judging by my use of edaphic-ecological terms in Class names, one might assume

that an ecosystem or landform approach was used; this is not the case. Each Class was defined on the basis of a <u>specified floristic composition</u>. Ideall the Classes should have been named using a few diagnostic plant taxa, but because each Class encompassed many different kinds of vegetation, this was not possible.

Unavoidably, this classification focuses on vegetation, but it should not be viewed as simply a plant community classification. Among all forms of life, vascular plants are the easiest to work with because they are large and conspicuous, immotile, and superbly reflect subtle environmental conditions and site history. Classifying plant communities is therefore the key to describing and delimiting a full range of habitats utilized by animal and microbial life, at least within the vegetated Terrestrial, Palustrine, and Estuarine Systems. Principles of vegetation classification, namely those articulated by Westhoff and van der Maarel (1973) in their discussion of the Braun-Blanquet approach to community classification, are followed in the Virginia classification:

- "Plant communities are conceived as types of vegetation, recognized by their <u>floristic composition</u>. The full species compositions of communities better express their relationships to one another and environment than any other characteristic.
- Amongst the species that make up the floristic composition of a community, some are more sensitive expressions of a given relationship than others. For practical classification (and indication of environment) the approach seeks to use those species whose ecological relationships make them most effective indicators; these are <u>diagnostic</u> <u>species</u> (character-species, differential species, and constant companions).
- Diagnostic species are used to organize communities into a hierarchical.classification of which the association is the basic unit. The vast information with which phytosociologists deal must, of necessity, be thus organized; and the hierarchy is not merely necessary but invaluable for the understanding and communication of community relationships that it makes possible."

Character-species are more or less restricted to the stands of a given abstract community type, and therefore characterize it and indicate its environment (Westhoff and van der Maarel, 1973). These species may be used to identify syntaxa (named communities) within several levels of a classification hierarchy, from Subassociation to Class. Use of character-species is an extremely powerful tool in community classification, but very few plant species show strong fidelity to a given syntaxon, and this fact has seemed to hinder efforts to apply the Braun-Blanquet classification approach in eastern United States where the influential work of Whittaker (1953, 1962) and others emphasized continuous change in community composition along environmental gradients, resulting from the individualistic nature of species populations.

Continuous compositional change along environmental gradients does not, however, preclude the use of the Braun-Blanquet classification approach, and in fact continuous and <u>predictable</u> compositional change can be used to great

advantage. As long as species response along environmental and community gradients is reasonably well understood, character-species and certain differential-species may be used to classify communities. Differential-species are usually used to define only lower syntaxa (Westhoff and van der Maarel, 1973), but I have broadened their use and meaning to define Class-level syntaxa. To reflect the broadened application of the differential-species concept, I refer to these species as "conditional character-species". These plants closely resemble true character-species in their ability to identify various syntaxa, but their diagnostic ability is <u>conditional</u> on the <u>absence</u> of certain other species. Referring to these plants as "conditional character-species" and arranging them in a sequence reflecting a community gradient bring a more intuitive level of understanding to the classification approach, and facilitate the production of dichotomous keys.

The Terrestrial System:

To generate Classes within the Terrestrial System, trophic (nutrient) regime was identified as a major environmental gradient affecting floristic composition and community gradients. Five trophic regime descriptors were selected:

- 1) eutrophic
- 2) permesotrophic
- 3) mesotrophic
- 4) submesotrophic, and
- 5) oligotrophic.

Using floras, published and unpublished community literature, specimen label data, plot data, personal knowledge of plant habitat preference, and interviews with a number of botanists. I first generated a list of those plants restricted to the richest soil environments. These are true character-species and they are, almost without exception, instantly diagnostic of eutrophic communities. This method of selecting diagnostic species was very similar to that used by Reed (1988) who reviewed many floras and consulted with experts to generate lists of plant species diagnostic of wetland conditions. When the eutrophic indicators are not present in a given stand, other plants, the "conditional character-species", may become diagnostic of permesotrophic communities. These species have diagnostic qualities only when the eutrophic indicators are absent. Note that permesotrophic indicators may occur within eutrophic communities, but eutrophic indicators cannot occur in permesotrophic communities; the response of species populations along this community gradient is therefore unidirectional.

In the absence of both eutrophic <u>and</u> permesotrophic indicators, other plants become diagnostic of mesotrophic communities. Similarly, in the absence of eutrophic, permesotrophic, and mesotrophic indicators, certain plants become diagnostic of submesotrophic communities. Stands lacking the eutrophic, permesotrophic, mesotrophic, and submesotrophic indicators are classified as oligotrophic if any of the oligotrophic indicators are present. Finally, anomalous stands lacking the oligotrophic indicators may be assigned to a given class using other factors, e.g. soils, or simply called "unclassified".

Superimposed on the above trophic regime gradient is a light regime gradient. For this reason the mesotrophic, submesotrophic, and oligotrophic indicators were arranged by their relative shade tolerance. Stands containing only shade tolerant species will likely be forests, while stands supporting moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species will likely be woodland, scrub, or herbaceous-dominated types. The exception to this rule is applied to a short-term successional stage of vegetation resulting from infrequent or unusual episodes of disturbance. For example, a blown-down forest now dominated by blackberry should still be classified as forest despite the absence of trees. While this may seem awkward, it is a pragmatic solution to a difficult Open-canopy vegetation maintained over the long-term classification problem. through frequent disturbance (e.g. frequent fire, seasonal flood scour, repeated exposure to severe winds) should be regarded as distinct structural-floristic Classes. Implicit in the distinction between infrequent and frequent disturbance is the notion that the history of frequent disturbance has allowed lightdemanding plants to persist at the site over a long period of time. There will certainly be instances in which disturbance factors cannot readily be characterized as infrequent or frequent, and in these cases I recommend the recognition of distinct structural-floristic Classes; this is a conservative measure that ensures that poorly known or problematic communities are not dismissed as seral stages. Users of this classification should be aware that the shade tolerant plants identified in the lists can occur in semi-forested and non-forested communities, but the shade intolerant plants will rarely, if ever, be found in forests. This implies another unidirectional gradient.

Eutrophic and permesotrophic woodland, scrub, and herbaceous vegetation will most often be the result of infrequent disturbance, such as blow-down. No light-demanding plants faithful to these nutrient regimes could be identified. Open canopy eutrophic and permesotrophic communities are therefore not recognized as distinct Classes at the present time, but rather as seral stages of the forests. If future field work documents naturally occurring open canopy eutrophic and permesotrophic communities in Virginia, the classification can be adjusted accordingly.

Lists of character-species and conditional character-species were derived from the Atlas of the Virginia Flora (Harvill et al., 1986), but nomenclature followed Kartesz and Kartesz (1980). A species was selected for a list only if its habitat preference was reasonably well known, and if it had distinct diagnostic value for the purpose of the classification. Approximately 900 diagnostic species were selected. Species of wide ecological tolerance, such as those growing in both upland and wetland soils, were generally excluded from consideration; they did not meet fidelity criteria at the System level. Some of the excluded species will, however, have diagnostic value in differentiating the lower syntaxa when these are classified in the future.

The Estuarine System:

Halophytes were used to define vegetated classes within the Estuaring System. A very few of the species also occur in inland saline wetlands; so wetlands should be classified within the Palustrine System for the time being and regarded as a rare, or anomalous condition.

The Palustrine System:

Classes within the Palustrine System were identified through the characterspecies/conditional character-species approach. I have not supplied detailed instructions for separating the Palustrine System from the Terrestrial because in most cases this difference will be readily apparent. However, when dealing with problematic transitional zones, I refer the user to Reed's (1988) list of plant species that occur in Northeastern wetlands. Only those plants with indicator status of Obligate or Facultative Wetland should be regarded as diagnostic of the Palustrine System, for the purpose of the Virginia classification. If necessary, other factors such as soils or flooding regime may also be used to assign stands to the Palustrine System. The Palustrine System of the Virginia classification has a broader definition than that used in Cowardin et al. (1979). The Virginia definition includes all freshwater (to oligohaline) wetland and aquatic environments supporting non-halophytic vascular plant life, thereby encompassing parts of Cowardin's Lacustrine, Riverine, and Estuarine Systems. Note that the Cowardin definition of the Estuarine System relies upon an average salinity measure (0.5 ppt.), and not halophytic plants, to define the upstream or landward limit of the System. Determining this salinity measure in the field is difficult, and as a consequence, some wetlands classified within Cowardin's Estuarine System support non-halophytic vegetation.

Hydrologic regime was identified as a major factor influencing floristic composition at the Class level. Four hydrologic regime descriptors were subsequently identified:

- 1) saturated,
- 2) seasonally flooded,
- 3) semipermanently flooded (including permanently flooded environments supporting emergents), and
- 4) permanently flooded (lacking emergents).

These descriptors were derived from Cowardin et al. (1979), but I've given numbers 2 and 3 broader meaning. Number 2 encompasses Cowardin's temporarily flooded category, while number 3 includes the intermittently exposed category and any permanently flooded environments supporting emergent vegetation. This was done out of practical necessity; too often the Cowardin hydrologic regime categories cannot be recognized in the field. Description number 4 also deviates from the Cowardin definition in the sense that it is exclusively reserved for those permanently flooded environments lacking emergents, i.e. communities composed entirely of submergents and/or floating-leaved species.

Plant species indicative of trophic regime were also used to generate Classes within the Palustrine System. Unlike the Terrestrial System, where five trophic regime levels were identified, only two trophic regime levels were selected for use in the Palustrine System. This difference in approach seemed unavoidable, given the fact that fewer plant species were strictly diagnostic of trophic regime within the Palustrine System. The two trophic regime descriptors were:

- 1) oligotrophic, and
- 2) eutrophic.

Note that the each of the above terms now connotes a relatively wide range of fertility conditions; use of these terms in the Terrestrial System is much mor restrictive. While this might cause some confusion, it maintains a level of nomenclatural continuity between Systems.

Lists of character-species and conditional character-species serve to identify and differentiate Classes within the Palustrine System. As with the Terrestrial System, some of the lists are subdivided into shade tolerant, moderately shade tolerant, and shade intolerant species to aid in distinguishing the various structural types.

Keys to the Classes of the Terrestrial, Estuarine, and Palustrine Systems were developed. The character-species and conditional character-species that need to be examined when using the keys are given in appendices.

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Character-species and conditional character-species play an important role in the classification of Virginia's indigenous vegetation. Relatively large lists of these species have been generated, and most stands of natural vegetation can be readily classified to the level of Class using this approach. The basic requirement is that a reasonably complete species list from a representative sample of the vegetation is collected and interpreted using the keys. Recommended plot size for forests and woodlands is 400 sq. m., and for scrub and herbaceous communities, 100 sq. m. As stand data sets accumulate and are analyzed, the Associations should become apparent.

The lists of character-species and conditional character-species serve another important purpose. They give an indication of the classification and inventory work which lies ahead. Each listed species needs to be observed in the field, and recorded as a component of a given community. This will ensure complete coverage of the final draft classification. Refinements and suggestions are definitely needed, and in fact, I eagerly await word of any unusual communities that aren't readily classified under the present system. Natural vegetation is exceedingly complex and trying to make sense of it using feeble human constructs will no doubt be a long, frustrating, and humbling endeavor.

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a. <u>Eutrophic character-species (Appendix T1) present</u>	[EUTROPHIC FOREST]
 b. <u>Permesotrophic conditional character-species (Appendix T2) present.</u> b. Permesotrophic conditional character-species absent. 	[PERMESOTROPHIC FOREST]
c. Mesotrophic conditional character-species (Appendix T3) present.	
d. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species (Appendices 13, 14, & present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub and herbaceous communities.	T5)
e. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns	[MESOTROPHIC WOODLAND]
f. Woody species between 1 and 6 m tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area.	[MESOTROPHIC SCRUB]
f. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent	(MESOTROPHIC HERBACEOUS VEGETATIO
d. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest	[MESOTROPHIC FOREST]
c. Mesotrophic conditional character-species absent.	
g. Submesotrophic conditional character-species (Appendix T4) present.	
h. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species (Appendices T4 & T5) present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub and herbaceous communities.	
i. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns.i. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area.	[SUBMESOTROPHIC WOODLAND]
 j. Woody species between 1 and 6 m tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. j. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent. 	[SUBMESOTROPHIC SCRUB] [SUBMESOTROPHIC HERBACEOUS VEGETA
h. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest	[SUBMESOTROPHIC FOREST]
g. Submesotrophic conditional character-species absent.	
k. Oligotrophic conditional character-species (Appendix T5) present.	
 Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub and herbaceous communities. 	
m. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns.m. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area.	[OLIGOTROPHIC WOODLAND]
n. Woody species between 1 and 6 m tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area.	[OLIGOTROPHIC SCRUB]
n. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent.	[OLIGOTROPHIC HERBACEOUS VEGETAT
 Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest 	[OLIGOTROPHIC FOREST]
k. Oligotrophic indicators absent. Use other factors (e.g. soils) to assign the stand to one of the above classes. If this isn't possible,	

A KEY TO VEGETATED ESTUARINE COMMUNITY CLASSES

8.	Estuarine character-species (Appendix E1) present.
Ь	. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area
b	. Scrub vegetation absent or cover less than 5% of the area.
(c. Herbaceous species other than submergents present [ESTUARINE HERBACEOUS VEGETATION]
•	c. The only vascular plants present are submergents such as <u>Ruppia maritima</u> and <u>Zostera marina</u> [ESTUARINE SUBMERGENT VEGETATION]
	Estuarine character-species absent. Consider whether the stand could be classified using the Palustrine System key, or refer to the
	stand as: [UNCLASSIFIED ESTUARINE COMMUNITY]

KEYS TO THE VEGETATED PALUSTRINE COMMUNITY CLASSES

(Note: All Class names are understood to represent the Palustrine System. Also, use of the terms, eutrophic and o' is in the broad sense, each term encompassing roughly half of the range of community trophic conditions).



Character-species indicating saturated, eutrophic conditions (Appendix P1) present.	EUTROPHIC SATURATED Key P1
Conditional character-species indicating saturated, oligotrophic conditions (Appendix P2) present	OLIGOTROPHIC SATURATED Key P2
Conditional character-species indicating semipermanently flooded, eutrophic conditions (Appendix P3) present.	EUTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED Key P3
Conditional character-species indicating semipermanently flooded, oligotrophic conditions (Appendix P4) present	OLIGOTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED Key P4
Conditional character-species indicating seasonally flooded, eutrophic conditions (Appendix P5) present.	EUTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED Key P5
Conditional character-species indicating seasonally flooded, oligotrophic conditions (Appendix P6) present	OLIGOTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED Key P6
Conditional character-species indicating permanently flooded conditions (Appendix P7) present (submergent/floating-leaved vegetation)	[SUBMERGENT/FLOATING-LEAVED VEGETATION]
None of the above species present. Use other factors to assign the stand to a Class. If this isn't possible, refer to the stand as:	[UNCLASSIFIED PALUSTRINE COMMUNITY]

Key P1: Eutrophic Saturated

 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species (Appendices present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities 	
 b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns. b. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area. 	. [EUTROPHIC SATURATED WOODLAND]
 c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. c. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent. 	. [EUTROPHIC SATURATED SCRUB] . [EUTROPHIC SATURATED HERBACEOUS VEGETATION]
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest. 	. [EUTROPHIC SATURATED FOREST]
<u>Key P2</u> : Oligotrophic Saturated	
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities. 	
b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns	. [OLIGOTROPHIC SATURATED WOODLAND]
 c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. c. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent. 	. [OLIGOTROPHIC SATURATED SCRUB] . [OLIGOTROPHIC SATURATED HERBACEOUS VEGETATION
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest. 	. [OLIGOTROPHIC SATURATED FOREST]
Key P3: Eutrophic Semipermanently Flooded	
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species (Appendices P present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities 	73 & P4) 28.
b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns	. [EUTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED WOODLAND]
c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. c. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent [EUTROPH	. [EUTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED SCRUB]
a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest.	. [EUTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED FOREST]

Key P4: Oligotrophic Semipermanently Flooded

 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities. 	
b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns.b. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area.	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOCOED WOODLAND]
c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. c. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED SCRUB] SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED HERBACEOUS VEGETATION]
a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEMIPERMANENTLY FLOODED FOREST]
Key P5: Eutrophic Seasonally Flooded	
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species (Appendices P5 & P6 present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities.)
 b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns. b. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area. 	[EUTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED WOODLAND]
c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area	[EUTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED SCRUB] SONALLY FLOODED HERBACEOUS VEGETATION]
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest. 	[EUTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED FOREST]
Key P6: Oligotrophic Seasonally Flooded	
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species present and conspicuous; woodland, scrub, and herbaceous communities. 	
b. Trees present (covering at least 5% of the area), but significant gaps exist among tree crowns.b. Trees absent or cover less than 5% of the area.	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED WOODLAND]
c. Woody species between 1 and 6 m. tall (scrub) cover more than 5% of the area. c. Scrub vegetation absent or covers less than 5% of the area; herbaceous species prevalent	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED SCRUB] SEASONALLY FLOODED HERBACEOUS VEGETATION]
 a. Moderately shade tolerant or shade intolerant species absent or inconspicuous; trees form a more or less continuous cover; forest. 	[OLIGOTROPHIC SEASONALLY FLOODED FOREST]

Appendix II Character-species of the eutrophic forest class

SHADE TOLERANT

Acer nigrum Blephila ciliata Carex albursina Carex careyana Carex hitchcockiana Carex plantaginea Diplazium pycnocarpon Dryopteris goldiana Erigenia bulbosa Erythronium albidum Floerkea proserpinacoides Hydrophyllum macrophyllum Jeffersonia diphylla Matteuccia struthiopteris Meehania cordata Mertensia virginica Milium effusum Phacelia bipinnatifida Smilacina stellata Trillium cernuum Trillium sessile Uvularia grandiflora

Appendix T2 Conditional character-species of the permesotrophic forest class

SHADE TOLERANT

Allium tricoccum Carex pedunculata Carex sparganioides Caulophyllum thalictroides Chaerophyllum procumbens Delphinium tricorne Diarrhena americana Dicentra canadensis Dicentra cucullaria Disporum maculatum Gymnocladus dioica Hepatica nobilis v. acuta Hybanthus concolor Hydrastis canadensis Hydrophyllum canadense Panax quinquefolius Phlox divaricata Phlox stolonifera Polemonium reptans Schizachne purpurascens Tri 'um grandiflorum Viola Janadensis Viola rostrata Villa striata

Acer floridanum Aconitum reclinatum Actaea pachypoda Adiantum pedatum Allium canadense Aplectrum hyemale Aralia racemosa Aristolochia macrophylla Asarum canadense Asimina triloba Astilbe biternata Botrychium virginianum Carex amphibola Carex gracillima Carex jamesii Cimicifuga americana Cimicifuga racemosa Claytonia caroliniana Claytonia virginica Collinsonia canadensis Cryptotaenia canadensis Dentaria diphylla Dentaria laciniata Deparia acrostichoides Desmodium cuspidatum Desmodium glutinosum Diphylleia cymosa Oirca palustris Dryopteris celsa Festuca obtusa Fraxinus quadrangulata Galearis spectabilis Geranium maculatum Helianthus decapetalus Hepatica nobilis v. obtusa Hydrophyllum virginianum Hystrix patula Impatiens pallida Laportea canadensis Magnolia tripetala Menispermum canadense Mitella diphylla Monarda clinopodia Osmorhiza claytoni Osmorhiza longistylis Penstemon Laevigatus Polymnia canadensis Polymnia uvedalia Rubus odoratus Rudbeckia laciniata Sanguinaria canadensis Sanicula canadensis Sanicula gregaria Sanicula marilandica Solidago flexicautis Staphylea trifolia Thalictrum coriaceum That ictrum dioicum Thelypteris hexagonoptera Tilia heterophylla Trillium sulcatum Triosteum angustifolium Triosteum aurantiacum Triosteum perfoliatum

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Adlumia fungosa Astragalus canadensis Baptisia australis Blephilia hirsuta Camassia scilloides Campanula americana Carex oligocarpa Cassia marilandica Clematis occidentalis Eupatorium sessilifolium Hackelia virginiana Hexalectris spicata Lathyrus venosus Liatris spicata Onosmodium hispidissimum Oryzopsis racemosa Pycnanthemum incanum Salvia urticifolia Silphium terebinthinaceum Solidago rigida Uniola latifolia Zanthoxylum americanum

Acer saccharum Ageratina altissima Anemone (ancifolia Anemone virginiana Angelica triquinata Antennaria plantaginifolia Arabis canadensis Arabis laevigata Arisaema triphyllum Asclepias exaltata Asclepias quadrifolia Asplenium resiliens Aster macrophyllus Athyrium espienioides Betula papyrifera Brachyeletrum erectum Callicarpa americana Calycanthus floridus Carex aestivalis Carex digitalis Carex laxiculmis Carex laxiflora farex nigromarginata Carex platyphylla Carex virescens Carex willdenowii Carpinus caroliniana Carva cordiformis Chrysogonum virginianum Clintonia umbellulata Conopholis americana Coreopsis auriculata Cornus alternifolia Cumilla origanoides Cymophyllus fraseri Cynoglossum virginianum Dentaria heterophylla Desmodium nudiflorum Desmodium pauciflorum Desmodium rotundifolium Dichanthelium (atifolium Dioscorea villosa Disporum Lanuginosum Galium circaezans Galium concinnum Galium latifolium Redyotis purpurea Reracteum lanatum Hieracium paniculatum Hydranges arborescens Ligusticum canadense Liparis (illifolia Lonicera canadensis Luzula acuminata Magnolis acumiants Obolaria virginica Ostrya virginiana Oxalis violacea Phryma leptostachya Platanthera orbiculata Platanthera viridis v. bracteats Pos cuspidata Podophyilum peltatum Polygonatum biflorum Polygonatum pubescens Polystichum acrostichoides Prenanthes alba Pyrularia pubera Scirpus verecundus Sedum ternatum Senecio obovatus Silene stellata Smilacina racemosa Solidago arguta Solidago caesia Solidago curtisii Sphenopholis nitida Stellaria pubera Styrax americana Taenidia integerrima Taxus canadensis Thalictrum thalictroides Thaspium barbinode Thaspium trifoliatum Tiarella cordifolia Uvularia perfoliata Viburnum acerifolium Viola hastata Viola rotundifolia

Viola triloba

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Agropyron trachycaulum Aquilegia canadensis Arabis patens Aster infirmus Aster oblongifalius Aureclaria flava Berberis canadensis Boutelous curtipendula Bromus pubescens Carex cephalophora Carex eburnes Carex meadii Celastrus scandens Clematis viorna Cornus rugosa Cuscuta coryli Cystopteris fragilis Echineces laevigata Frageria vesca Helianthus divaricatus Helianthus strumosus Lithospermum canescens Lonicera dinica Muhlenbergia sobolifera Muhlenbergia tenuifolia Myosotis verna Parthenium auriculatum Passiflora lutea Pellaea atropurpurea Penstemon calycosus Penstemon hirsutus Phacelia dubia Polygala senega Ranunculus fascicularis Ranunculus micranthus Rhammus caroliniana Rudbeckia triloba Silene virginica Silphium trifoliatum Solidago ulmifolia Tradescantia objensis Viburnum rafinesquianum Mondsia obtusa Zizia aptera

SHADE INTOLERANT

Aster grandiflorus
Attiplex arenaria
Buchnera americana
Cakile edentula
Castilleja coccinea
Cirsium virginianum
Coreopsis tripteris
Eryngium yuccifolium
Helianthus angustifolius
Helianthus atrorubens
Potygonum glaucum
Psoralea psoralioides
Saisola kaii

cer pensylvanicum mianthium muscaetoxicum Antennaria virginica Asimina parviflora Aster acuminatus Aster divaricatus Betula lenta Buckleya distichophylla Carex brunnescens Carex debilis Carex pensylvanica Carya glabra Castanea dentata Castanea pumila Chamaelirium luteum Chimaphila maculata Chimaphila umbellata Clethra acuminata Clintonia borealis Comandra umbellata Convallaria montana Corallorhiza odontorhiza Coreopsis major Cypripedium acaule Deschampsia flexuosa Draba ramosissima Oryopteris campyloptera Oryopteris marginalis Epigaea repens Galax urceolata Gaultheria procumbens Goodyera pubescens Gymnocarpium dryopteris Hamamelis virginiana Hexastylis virginica llex vomitoria Isotria medeoloides Isotria verticillata Lycopodium annotinum Lycopodium clavatum Iveopodium digitatum

Lycopodium obscurum ycopodium obscurum v. dendroideum vcopodium tristachym ysimachia quadrifolia Malaxis unifolia Medeola virginiana Metampyrum lineare Helanthium hybridum Henziesia pilosa Oxalis acetosella Oxydendrum arboreum Pieris floribunda Polypodium virginianum Prenanthes trifoliata Pteridium aquilinum Quercus coccinea Quercus marilandica Quercus montana Quercus velutina Rhododendron calendulaceum Rhododendron periclymenoides Rhododendron prinophyllum Sassafras albidum Symplocos tinctoria Timularia discolor Trillium undulatum Tsuga caroliniana Uvularia pudica Uvularia sessilifolia Vaccinium arboreum Vaccinium elliottii Vaccinium erythrocarpum

Vaccinium stamineum Vaccinium tenellum Vihusnum tentensidas

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Ageratina aromatica Allium cernuum Angelica venenosa Arabis serotina Aristida lanosa Aster linariifolius Aster undulatus Aureolaria laevigata Aureolaria pedicularia Baptisia tinctoria Calamagrostis porteri Calystegia spithamaea Campanula divaricata Carex emmonsii Carex polymorpha Carex umbellata Carya pallida Centrosema virginianum Cheilanthes lanosa Chrysopsis gossypina Clematis albicoma Clematis ochroleuca Clematis viticaulis Cnidoscolus stimulosus Comptonia peregrina Coreopsis verticillata Danthonia compressa Desmodium paniculatum Dicentra eximia Diervilla lonicera Eriogonum alleni Euphorbia ipecacuanhae Galactia regularis Gaylussacia dumosa Gymnopogon ambiguus Helianthemum canadense Heuchera americana lris verna Kuhnia eupatorioides Liatris graminifolia Lilium philadelphicum Lupinus perennis Lycopodium prophilum Lycopodium selago Ophioglossum engelmannii Paronychia canadensis Paxistima canbyi Pinus echinata Pinus palustris Pinus pungens Pinus virginiana Pityopsis graminifolia Polygonum cilinode Prenanthes roanensis Pseudotaenidia montana Pyxidanthera barbulata Quercus ilicifolia Quercus incana Quercus laevis Quercus margarettae Quercus virginiana Rhus aromatica Saxifraga michauxii Sedum telephioides Selaginella rupestris Senecio antennariifolius Senecio pauperculus Silene caroliniana Smilax tamnoides Solidago bicolor Solidago odora Solidago roamensis Sorbus americana Spiraea betulifolia ssp. corymbosa Sporobolus clandestinus Stipa sychaces Stylosanthes differs Tephrosia virginiana Tradescantia rosea v. graminea Trifolium virginicum Vaccinium angustifolium Vaccinium crassifolium Vaccinium myrtilloides Viburnum rufidulum Viola pedata Woodsia ilvensis Woodsia scopulina Xerophyllum asphodeloides

SHADE INTOLERANT

Agrostis elliottiana Ammophila breviligulata Anaphalis margaritacea Andropogon gerardii Arabis lyrata Aralia hispida Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Aristida curtissii Aristida dichotoma Aristida purpurascens Aristida tuberculosa Asclepias amplexicaulis Asclepias verticillata Asplenium montanum Aster spectabilis Bulbostvlis capillaris Bulbostylis ciliatifolia Carex silicea Carphephorus bellidifolius Carphephorus tomentosus Cenchrus tribuloides Cirsium horridulum Corydalis sempervirens Cyperus granitophilus Cyperus grayi Danthonia sericea Danthonia spicata Desmodium sessilifolium Desmodium strictum Diamorpha smallii Eragrostis hirsuta Eragrostis refracta Eragrostis spectabilis Euphorbia ammannioides Euphorbia polygonifolia Festuca octoflora Haplopappus divaricatus Helianthemum bicknellii Helianthus hirsutus Hudsonia tomentosa Isanthus brachiatus Juncus secundus Juniperus communis Krigia biflora Krigia montana Krigia virginica Lechea maritima Lechea racemulosa Lechea villosa Leptoloma cognatum Liatris aspera Liatris turgida Manfreda virginica Minuertia glabra Minuertia groenlandica Minuartia michauxii Hinuartia patula Muhlenbergia capillaris Muhlenbergia cuspidata Genothera humifusa Opuntia humifusa Panicum amarulum Panicum amarum Panicum flexile Paronychia argyrocoma Paronychia fastigiata Paronychia riparia Polygala verticillata Polygonella articulata Polygonella polygama Portulaca smallii Potentilla tridentata Ruellia humilis Saliz tristis Schizachyrium scoparium Scutellaria parvula Silphium compositum Sisyrinchium albidum Solidago racemosa Solidago spathulata ssp. randii Spiranthes tuberosa Sporobolus vaginiflorus Stipulicida setacea Stylisma humistrata Talinum teretifolium Triplasis purpurea Uniola paniculata Zanthoxylum clava herculis

Zigadenus glaucus Zigadenus leimanthoides

Appendix E1 Character-species of vegetated classes within the estuarine system

Agalinis maritima Aster tenuifolius Borrichia frutescens Distichlis spicata Fimbristylis castanea Iva frutescens Juncus gerardii Juncus roemerianus Kosteletzkya virginica Lythrum lineare Puccinellia fasciculata Ruppia maritima Salicornia bigelovii Salicornia europea Salicornia virginica Scirpus maritimus Scirpus robustus Sesuvium maritimum Spartina alterniflora Spartina cynosuroides Spartina patens Spergularia marina Suaeda linearis Suaeda maritima Zostera marina

Appendix P1 Character-species of eutrophic saturated classes

SHADE TOLERANT

Carex scabrata Hexastylis lewisii Ranunculus septentrionalis

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Caltha palustris
Carex stipata
Carex trichocarpa
Iris versicolor
Lobelia siphilitica
Myosotis laxa
Veronica americana
Veronica anagallis-aquatica

SHADE INTOLERANT

Acorus calamus
Carex lacustris
Carex lanuginosa
Carex tetanica
Cyperus haspan
Eleocharis rostellata
Juncus balticus
Lathyrus palustris
Lysimachia quadriflora
Lythrum alatum
Mentha arvensis
Pedicularis lanceolata
Sabatia dodecandra

Cardamine bulbosa Cardamine rotundifolia Carex collinsii Carex laevivaginata Carex leptalea Carex prasina Carex styloflexa Chamaecyparis thyoides Chrysosplenium americanum Cyrilla racemiflora Dalibarda repens Fraxinus nigra Hedyotis michauxii Helonias bullata Listera smallii Lyonia lucida Ophioglossum vulgatum Parnassia asarifolia Platanthera clavellata Platanthera psycodes Poa paludigena Saxifraga micranthidifolia Saxifraga pensylvanica Solidago patula Symplocarpus foetidus Thalictrum clavatum Thelypteris simulata Toxicodendron vernix Veratrum viride Viburnum nudum Viola walteri

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Alnus incana ssp. rugosa Asclepias rubra Aster radula Campanula aparinoides Carex atlantica Carex bullata Carex trisperma Carex venusta Chelone cuthbertii Cirsium muticum Conjoselinum chinense Cypripedium reginae Drosera rotundifolia Eleocharis tortilis Equisetum sylvaticum Parnassia grandifolia Platanthera ciliaris Poa palustris Rhamnus alnifolia Sanguisorba canadensis Sarracenia purpurea Selaginella apoda Solidago uliginosa Sphenopholis pensylvanica Zenobia pulverulenta

SHADE INTOLERANT

Aletris aurea Calamagrostis cinnoides Calopogon tuberosus Carex buxbaumii Carex conoidea Carex hystericina Carex interior Carex prairea Centella asiatica Cladium mariscoides Cleistes divaricata Dichromena colorata Drosera brevifolia Orosera capillaris Epilobium leptophyllum Equisetum fluviatile Eriocaulon decangulare Eriophorum virginicum Eryngium aquaticum Filipendula rubra Fimbristylis puberula Iris prismatica Juncus abortivus Juncus nodosus Juncus pelocarpus Lilium catesbaei Lobelia georgiana Lycopodium alopecuroides Lycopodium appressum Lycopodium inundatum Menyanthes trifoliata Muhlenbergia glomerata Nasturtium officinale Platanthera blephariglottis Platanthera cristata Pogonia ophioglossoides Polygala cruciata Rhynchospora alba Rhynchospora capillacea Sabatia calycina Sarracenia flava Scirpus expansus Scleria reticularis Scleria verticillata Sclerolepis uniflora Tofieldia glutinosa Tofieldia racemosa Utricularia cornuta Utricularia juncea Xyris ambigua Xyris difformis Xyris jupicai Xyris torta Zigadenus densus Zigadenus glaberrimus

Appendix P3 Conditional character-species of eutrophic semipermanently flooded classes

SHADE TOLERANT

Cardamine longii Fraxinus caroliniana Nyssa aquatica Peltandra virginica Ranunculus flabellaris Ranunculus laxicaulis Rumex verticillatus Triadenum walteri

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Azola caroliniana
Carex decomposita
Carex hyalinolepis
Echinodorus cordifolius
Heteranthera reniformis
Hydrocotyle ranunculoides
Limnobium spongia
Pontederia cordata
Ranunculus sceleratus
Sium suave

SHADE INTOLERANT

Aeschynomene virginica Amaranthus cannabinus Asclepias lanceolata Aster subulatus Bacopa inominita Bidens coronata Carex alata Carex torta Cladium jamaicense Cyperus brevifolioides Echinochloa walteri Elatine minima Elatine triandra Eleocharis halophila Eriocaulon parkeri Isoetes riparia Juncus acuminatus Justicia americana Lemna trisulca Lilaeopsis carolinensis Lilaeopsis chinensis Lobelia elongata Nelumbo lutea Nuphar luteum ssp. sagittifolium Physostegia purpurea Sacciolepis striata Sagittaria calycina v. spongiosa Sagittaria rigida Sagittaria subulata Scirpus acutus Sparganium eurycarpum Spirodella polyrhiza Wolfiella gladiata Zizania aquatica

Appendix P4 Conditional character-species of oligotrophic semipermanently flooded classes

SHADE TOLERANT

Itea virginica Taxodium distichum

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Carex comosa Hottonia inflata Hydrocotyle umbellata Hydrocotyle verticillata Orontium aquaticum

SHADE INTOLERANT

Bidens laevis Brasenia schreberi Carex canescens Dulichium arundinaceum Eleocharis equisetoides Eleocharis quadrangulata Eleocharis robbinsii Eriocaulon septengulare Glyceria acutiflora Glyceria septentrionalis Isoetes engelmannii Panicum hemitomon Polygonum amphibium Polygonum hydropiperoides Sagittaria graminea Scirpus ancistrochaetus Scirpus subterminalis Scirpus tabernaemontanii Scirpus torreyi

Appendix P5 Conditional character-species of eutrophic seasonally flooded classes

SHADE TOLERANT

Arisaema dracontium Carex crus-corvi Carex frankii Carex grayi Carex oxylepis Carex squarrosa Carex typhina Carya aquatica Commelina virginica Cornus foemina Mimulus alatus Populus heterophylla Quercus bicolor Quercus lyrata Saururus cernuus Scirpus divaricatus

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Carex gigantea Hibiscus moscheutos Justicia ovata v. lanceolata Penthorum sedoides Salix caroliniana Salix nigra

SHADE INTOLERANT

Axonopus furcatus
Cyperus erythrorhizos
Cyperus filicinus
Cyperus strigosus
Eclipta alba
Eragrostis frankii
Eragrostis hypnoides
Glyceria grandis
Juncus torreyi
Lippia lanceolata
Phalaris arundinacea
Rorippa palustris
Scirpus atrovirens
Scirpus fluviatilis
Scirpus pendulus

Appendix P6 Conditional character-species of oligotrophic seasonally flooded classes

SHADE TOLERANT

Carex crinita Carex louisianica Carex lupulina Cinna arundinacea Cornus amomum Quercus palustris

MODERATELY SHADE TOLERANT

Carex glaucescens Carex joori Carex walteriana Glyceria melicaria Iris virginica Juncus effusus Scirpus cyperinus

SHADE INTOLERANT

Boltonia asteroides Calamagrostis canadensis Carex albolutescens Carex barrattii Cyperus dentatus Drosera intermedia Eleocharis baldwinii Eleocharis flavescens Eleocharis melanocarpa Eleocharis tricostata Eleocharis tuberculosa Erigeron vernus Eupatorium leucolepis Eupatorium recurvans Fimbristylis annua Fimbristylis autumnalis Fuirena pumila Glyceria canadensis v. laxa Helenium virginicum Juncus brevicaudatus Juncus caesariensis Juncus canadensis Juncus repens Juncus scirpoides Lachnocaulon anceps Lindernia anagallidea Lipocarpha maculata Lobelia puberula Ludwigia brevipes Ludwigia sphaerocarpa Lysimachia hybrida Panicum rigidulum-Proserpinaca palustris Proserpinaca pectinata Pycnanthemum flexuosum Rhynchospora caduca Rhynchospora cephalantha Rhynchospora corniculata Rhynchospora macrostachya Scirpus purshianus

Cabomba caroliniana Callitriche heterophylla Ceratophyllum demersum Ceratophyllum muricatum Elodea canadensis Elodes nuttallii Heteranthera dubia Myriophyllum heterophyllum Myriophyllum humile Myriophyllum spicatum Najas flexilis Najas gracillima Najas guadalupensis Nymphoides aquatica Podostemon ceratophyllum Potamogeton crispus Potamogeton diversifolius Potamogeton epihydrus Potamogeton foliosus Potamogeton illinoensis Potamogeton nodosus Potamogeton oakesianus Potame (≥ton pectinatus Pet eton perfoliatus ston pulcher seton pusillus _mogeton spirilus Potamogeton tennesseensis Potamogeton zosteriformis Utricularia biflora utaria fibrosa cularia inflata Utricularia purpurea Utricularia radiata Utricularia vulgaris Vallisneria americana Zannichellia palustris

APPENDIX B

List of watchlist species recorded during 1994-1995 at Polecat Creek.

Scientific name

Common name

Plants:

Lechea minor

thyme-leaf pinweed

Lechea mucronata

hairy pinweed

Euphorbia ipecacuanhae

wild ipecac

Utricularia geminiscapa

hidden-fruited bladderwort

Animals:

Acantharcus pomotis

mud sunfish

Calopteryx dimidiata

sparkling jewelwing

Lampetra aepypetra

least brook lamprey

Lestes inaequalis

elegant spreadwing

Lestes vigilax

swamp spreadwing

Rana virgatipes

carpenter frog

Strophitus undulatus

squawfoot

APPENDIX C

Appendix 3. Data collected from mussels at sites B and D, by species.

Pyganadon cataracta (n = 11)

<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Length</u> mm	<u>Height</u> mm	<u>Width</u> mm
B008	58.5	30.6	21.3
B024	60.5	34.0	22.7
B034	61.7	33.7	20.3
B039	64.6	35.2	22.4
B042	62.6	36.3	22.5
B069	91.5	47.3	32.6
B099	77.5	43.7	28.7
B104	58.9	34.5	22.0
B119	73.7	42.5	26.5
B125	108.0	55.4	39.5
B250	30.1	17.7	11.5

Strophitus undulatus (n = 1)

<pre>Identification #</pre>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Height</u>	Width
	mm	mm	mm
B171	67.5	39.9	26.5

Elliptio complanata from site D (Gauging station D, Polecat Creek).

Identification #	<u>Length</u> mm	<u>Height</u> mm	Width mm
D001	92.0	47.9	31.6
D002	91.8	52.1	26.3
D003	82.2	45.2	23.5
D004	89.4	45.2	23.5
D005	70.7	36.8	20.2
D006	77.1	41.4	23.4
D007	72.9	40.4	21.5
D008	71.0	38.2	21.0
D009	69.7	35.6	19.3
D010	58.8	30.6	14.4
D011	73.5	41.7	20.3
D012	59.3	30.2	15.2
D013	51.6	27.7	13.2
D014	56.2	30.2	16.3
D015	49.0	25.4	13.4
D016	58.0	28.3	15.2
D017	41.4	20.4	11.3
D018	40.1	21.2	10.4
D019	69.6	59.0	20.6
D020	65.4	35.1	19.7
D021	66.1	37.3	18.3
D022	76.8	42.0	23.1 18.0
D023	64.5	37.8 35.4	17.6
D024 D025	63.8 64.8	35.7	19.8
D026	66.7	37.8	19.2
D027	55.1	29.3	13.8
D028	75.1	42.1	20.4
D029	68.4	35.8	21.3
D030	54.1	29.2	15.7
D031	80.1	44.7	21.0
D032	71.3	38.5	21.5
D033	65.2	33.1	16.8
D034	83.8	49.9	28.3
D035	59.7	28.7	14.5
D036	55.5	28.7	14.0
D037	67.2	36.3	19.5
D038	92.8	51.5	29.4
D039	58.2	29.4	15.2
D040	64.2	36.5	17.9
D041	60.0	33.6	17.4
D042	60.8	35.6	17.3
D043	71.3	38.3	21.5
D044	54.1	28.3	13.8
D045	75.1	42.9	20.8
D046	59.1	32.1	18.3
D047	66.9	37.1	20.9

D048	70.3	38.8	19.7
D049	83.4	49.0	26.7
D050	88.1	50.6	27.9
		40.6	22.4
D051	76.1		
D052	55.0	28.7	13.5
D053	70.8	37.1	18.8
D054	72.7	38.5	19.7
D055	63.8	35.2	17.5
D056	74.3	38.8	22.1
D057	65.7	37.2	18.0
D058	64.9	37.1	19.0
D059	71.1	40.3	21.1
	75.7	49.0	
D060			20.0
D061	67.0	36.7	20.4
D062	58.6	33.0	17.6
D063	73.3	39.0	21.4
D064	70.2	38.2	20.7
D065	67.7	36.1	20.1
D066	71.6	41.2	20.2
D067	78.2	43.7	23.2
D068	71.0	41.5	21.8
D069	80.0	46.9	26.1
D070	81.6	46.1	25.4
D071	71.4	42.5	20.9
D072	71.4	39.6	21.7
D073	62.4	35.2	19.2
D074	75.4	41.1	20.5
D075	75.5	40.2	19.5
D076	78.9	43.9	22.1
D077	74.0	40.0	22.0
D078	87.7	46.3	22.8
D079	56.3	30.3	14.5
D080	67.4	37.6	19.3
D081	69.2	37.8	20.2
D082	68.8	37.3	18.5
D083	54.1	29.4	15.8
D084	72.6	40.0	23.0
D085	73.5	38.0	19.0
D086	69.5	39.5	20.0
D087 -	75.0	40.3	20.3
D088	67.3	38.2	20.4
D089	69.1	38.3	21.2
	68.6	36.5	
D090			17.3
D091	52.8	28.1	13.9
D092	75.3	41.3	21.3
D093	60. 6	34.0	17.2
D094	64.8	36.7	19.8
D095	82.2	44.0	22.0
D096	92.8	50.2	26.4
D097	64.7	35.4	19.5
D098	64.8	36.9	18.9
D099	67.3	35.9	19.4
	07.5	33.3	10.4

D100	64.3	37.3	21.2
	90.0	50.7	28.3
D101			
D102	91.3	51.8	28.1
D103	70.5	38.2	19.4
D104	66.2	36.3	19.0
D105	62.5	35.5	18.5
D106	71.6	37.5	18.9
			19.2
D107	66.2	37.2	
D108	67.4	36.7	18.5
D109	63.3	33.9	16.0
D110	84.5	46.3	27.0
D111	74.9	42.3	24.1
D112	111.6	62.9	31.5
	84.4	49.2	27.7
D113			
D114	59.5	33.8	16.2
D115	70.0	40.7	23.3
D116	53.0	29.8	15.4
D117	59.5	29.7	14.9
	71.9	40.0	21.8
D118			20.0
D119	72.3	37.5	
D120	82.0	44.7	22.6
D121	88.2	49.8	23.2
D122	75.5	39.1	20.0
D123	81.0	46.4	24.4
	73.5	41.5	20.7
D124			20.4
D125	72.2	41.2	
D126	72.6	37.9	19.1
D127	69.0	38.9	19.0
D128	69.2	38.7	19.7
D129	73.0	39.8	20.4
D130	73.9	40.6	21.4
	62.4	35.6	18.5
D131			
D132	61.5	32.2	16.4
D133	78.5	42.1	21.2
D134	50.0	27.5	13.8
D135	76.7	40.2	23.2
D136	69.2	35.8	19.5
	74.9	39.3	20.0
D137			
D138	71.2	37.5	18.8
D139	72.1	37.8	19.7
D140	76.3	40.9	21.4
D141	76.1	41.5	24.0
D142	65.8	36.1	19.7
		36.0	18.3
D143	65.6		
D144	73.1	38.7	20.3
D145	75.8	41.3	21.9
D146	71.3	39.7	21.2
D147	71.4	38.6	20.4
D148	89.9	51.2	27.1
		47.0	25.2
D149	83.5		14.0
D150	53.4	28.2	
D151	65.5	35.6	19.4

D152	66.2	35.7	19.3
D153	84.0	44.5	26.8
D154	46.2	26.3	13.3
D155	56.6	29.6	14.6
D156	39.6	22.4	12.0
D157	54.0	27.7	14.3
D158	50.7	27.3	14.2
D159	53.0	32.3	14.9
D160	60.6	32.3	14.9
D161	62.8	33.9	16.2
D162	64.5	34.5	18.9
D163	62.8	34.3	17.6
D164	67.3	37.9	19.5
D165	69.5	36.7	17.6
D166	61.7	33.6	14.6
D167	69.2	36.6	21.3
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D169	69.7	39.2	20.3
D170	76.3	43.1	24.5
D171	70.4	37.0	19.8
D172	84.1	46.5	28.2
D173	72.0	41.0	22.2
D174	79.5	43.0	24.7
D175	79.4	46.3	25.3
D176	86.5	47.9	26.2
D177	71.5	39.2	19.9
D178	87.1	49.7	22.9
D179	67.8	39.2	20.5
D180	55.0	28.8	14.4
D181	63.8	34.5	14.7
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D183	78.7	43.4	25.5
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D188	65.8	37.2	16.2
D189	82.0	47.5	21.3
D190	50.8	27.7	15.2
D191 -	62.7	33.1	16.0
D192	70.0	36.9	19.5
D193	69.5	38.0	19.4
D194	75.7	41.5	20.9
D195	83.5	47.5	26.0
D196	67.4	37.4	19.4
D197	78.7	47.0	24.2
D198	78.5	41.7	23.0
D199	87.6	50.0	27.5
D200	58.6	32.1	15.5
D201	67.1	38.2	19.3
D202	68.6	37.1	19.9
D203	71.9	40.3	19.4

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D204	70.2	36.5	
D205	69.5	40.0	17.7
D206	70.3	42.7	20.6
D207	52.4	28.3	14.5
D208	57.7	30.1	13.2
	90.7	46.2	26.1
D209			
D210	70.9	37.6	20.7
D211	74.4	41.8	21.0
		39.1	20.4
D212	67.3		
D213 -	66.2	36.8	19.4
D214	63.3	35.5	19.0
		26.8	12.8
D215	47.7		
D216	46.5	24.2	12.4
D217	61.2	32.8	18.1
		37.3	20.9
D218	72.2		
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D220	50.9	25.9	13.7
		39.1	19.2
D221	70.3		
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D223	74.2	40.4	21.5
	78.0	43.6	20.7
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D226	72.7	40.2	21.7
	65.6	37.0	16.6
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D228	66.2	38.8	20.5
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	73.7	41.1	21.2
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D231	61.9	33.4	16.0
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	56.0	28.7	12.9
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D235	58.8	32.3	16.6
D236	92.4	49.8	26.3
			12.2
D237	47.5	23.7	
D238	52.2	29.4	13.7
D239	63.2	33.5	18.0
		38.0	20.1
D240	69.1		
D241	65.1	34.2	17.7
D242	66.0	33.9	18.2
		39.3	20.3
D243	70.2		
D244	53.1	29.0	16.2
D245	76.9	42.1	21.1
	74.4	40.6	20.0
D246			
D247	88.7	49.5	25.7
D248	49.9	28.2	12.8
	72.2	37.2	18.2
D249			16.7
D250	70.6	36.2	
D251	75.7	41.7	20.2
	54.2	28.5	14.7
D252			20.6
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D254	69.3	. 38.1	20.7
	56.8	28.8	14.9
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D256	61.1	33.3	15.2
D257	69.3	37.3	19.5
D258	79.4	42.3	21.0
D259	76.4	43.1	22.8
D260	62.7	33.9	16.8
D261	68.1	36.3	19.5
D262	51.0	28.2	13.1
	71.6	40.2	20.5
D263		39.2	
D264	71.7		19.5
D265	65.3	38.0	19.2
D266	60.2	33.5	18.3
D267	48.6	26.1	12.0
D268	73.2	41.7	20.5
D269	76.3	43.1	24.9
D270	47.1	26.6	13.5
D271	51.9	26.9	13.8
D272	65.8	34.5	17.3
D273	71.3	35.7	20.0
D274	91.7	53.6	27.3
D275	77.8	44.4	21.2
D276	56.2	29.1	15.1
D277	61.1	33.5	18.4
D278	67.8	35.7	20.5
D279	63.3	33.8	18.2
D280	65.5	36.0	17.0
D281	63.4	33.5	14.9
D282	80.5	43.9	25.7
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D284	70.8	38.5	21.0
D285	54.7	30.2	15.6
D286	52.6	27.8	14.3
D287	71.8	38.7	18.5
D288	66.0	34.7	19.1
	66.3	38.6	22.3
D289			22.1
D290	74.8	42.3	
D291	72.9	41.5	22.5
D292	65.8	36.8	20.3
D293	63.2	33.9	18.6
D294	70.6	37.7	19.2
D295	56.5	28.2	16.1
D296	71.0	39.0	22.7
D297	52.3	39.4	14.5
D298	50.2	27.3	14.1
D299	73.7	39.9	20.7
D300	48.4	25.5	13.0
D301	59.5	32.4	16.7
D302	48.5	26.4	13.0
D303	60.0	33.8	17.0
D304	48.7	25.5	12.1
D305	60.7	35.2	17.9
D306	65.5	37.0	20.6
D307	73.6	38.9	19.2
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D308	85.2	49.7	24.7
D309	83.3	45.2	22.5
D310	72.5	39.2	18.6
D311	67.5	34.4	18.5
D312	66.3	35.5	19.3
D313	61.2	32.8	18.0
D314	63.3	34.0	19.1
D315	49.5	26.5	13.5
D316	53. 5	28.8	13.4
D317	67.2	36.5	20.7
D318	67.8	34.6	20.5
D319	61.0	32.6	16.3
	51.7	26.8	13.5
D320			
D321	53.6	29.5	13.4
D322	61.8	33.0	20.2
D323	69.2	35.8	20.5
D324	63.5	35.5	18.3
D325	no measurements taken on this	animal	
D326	61.3	33.3	18.9
D327	69.6	36.9	20.0
D328	68.7	37.3	19.1
	75.2	39.7	20.5
D329			
D330	75.4	40.0	21.5
D331	43.9	23.1	12.2
D332	57.9	30.0	14.7
D333	56.5	31.1	15.3
D334	55.8	29.0	15.2
D335	56.3	31.2	15.3
D336	58.0	32.0	16.2
D337	55. 5	29.5	14.1
D338	57.8	31.2	14.5
D339	71.2	39.0	20.7
D340	70.5	37.6	22.5
			13.0
D341	48.8	24.5	
D342	66.5	34.0	15.7
D343	68.5	36.7	18.6
D344	93.5	52.7	27.8
D345	70.8	38.9	19.5
D346	67.0	36.5	18.6
D347	69.3	36.9	21.1
D348	68.9	39.8	21.9
D349	67.5	35.3	20.0
D350	59.8	32.1	16.6
D350	64.5	37.5	20.2
		39.0	20.9
D352	72.5		19.5
D353	68.7	38.0	
D354	63.3	36.0	19.7
D355	46.2	25.1	11.5
D356	88.2	47.0	24.3
D357	64.3	34.1	19.9
D358	75 . 7	39.9	21.0
D359	78.7	44.8	28.0

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D360	59.5	32.7	18.3
D361	46.5	26.7	11.4
D362	79.2	43.9	19.8
D363	83.7	45.8	24.5
D364	85.4	50.5	25.4
D365	72.8	39.3	21.5
D366	80.6	43.7	24.8
D367	66.2	36.3	15.5
D368	44.5	23.8	12.0
	66.1		18.2
D369		36.1	
D370	77.6	41.5	22.9
D371	63.5	33.7	17.5
D372	66.8	37.1	17.6
D373	109.6	59.0	30.6
D374	88.7	50.5	31.7
D375	90.2	49.4	24.5
D376	70.1	39.3	18.7
D377	50.5	26.1	13.2
D378	78.6	45.3	28.3
D379	55. 9	30.0	15.3
D380	58.2	30.3	15.2
D381	67.6	37.2	18.1
D382	95.8	58.2	29.7
D383	69.0	39.3	20.6
D384	63.0	32.8	17.6
D386	70.6	37.4	20.2
D387	78.0	44.6	25.0
D388	55. 5	30.9	15.4
D389	59.0	32.5	17.0
D390	78.0	42.8	22.4
D391	63.5	35.2	19.4
D392	41.6	22.3	10.9
D393	70.7	39.3	21.3
D394	51.1	28.4	13.2
D395	73.2	38.3	19.2
D396	62.4	33.8	17.1
D397	58.5	29.3	13.7
D398	67.6	39.3	18.5
D399	69.6	38.2	19.3
D400 -	83.0	51.0	26.0
D401	67.7	38.9	20.4
D402	65.8	35.4	18.0
D403	58.5	31.0	14.5
D404	62.0	33.1	15.9
D405	68.9	38.3	19.2
D406	62.5	34.8	18.0
D400 D407			
	47.8	25.4	13.2
D408	50.1	27.9	14.1
D409	69.7	38.1	20.5
D410	77.7	45.0	24.1
D411	70.5	38.0	19.5
D412	55.9	28.2	14.1

D413	80.6	42.6	19.2
D414	67.9	36.8	19.0
D415	56.1	31.2	15.0
D416	76.3	41.3	20.4
D417	66.4	36.3	18.1
		37.2	19.9
D419	68.7		15.3
D420	64.3	34.1	18.5
D421	71.7	38.2	
D422	65.6	35.7	18.1
D423	65.5	36.5	19.0
D424	50.9	27.8	15.0
D426	55.2	31.7	16.3
D427	73.4	39.5	15.9
D428	84.7	48.0	27.5
D429	67.4	38.3	18.5
D430	60.4	33.3	17.3
D431	48.7	26.1	12.8
D432	63.7	37.5	19.6
D433	66.9	36.8	19.5
D434	71.6	41.4	20.2
D435	59.4	33.4	19.0
D436	62.4	34.4	17.1
D437	74.9	41.5	20.0
D438	55.4	31.1	16.0
D439	59.9	34.2	19.2
D440	86.0	49.0	27.5
D441	80.8	46.6	24.3
D442	72.4	40.2	20.0
D443	71.8	39.2	20.2
D444	62.4	33.9	16.4
D445	56.8	30.9	14.7
D446	59.1	30.9	14.8
	68.2	37.7	21.0
D447		38.7	20.3
D448	68.6		20.6
D449	70.9	37.8 34.5	18.0
D450	63.8		
D451	52.8	28.5	13.0
D452	49.0	25.6	12.7
D453	73.1	42.5	21.8
D454	73.3	39.2	22.2
D455	76.3	39.5	20.5
D456	56.7	31.1	15.8
D457	53.2	30.3	14.6
D458	56.2	32.8	17.0
D459	82.6	46.9	23.4
D460	66.2	34.0	16.9
D461	64.0	35.4	20.3
D462	77.4	41.7	20.4
D463	66.3	38.3	21.1
D464	86.5	49.1	27.0
D465	61.2	34.8	18.9
D466	68.8	38.9	20.4
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D467	63.1	35.0	15.5
D468	76.9	43.6	26.4
D469	47.4	24.0	12.3
D471	69.0	42.5	22.7
D472	67.3	35.5	17.5
D473	66.1	37.1	20.1
D474	61.4	36.7	18.0
D479	80.2	46.8	27.4
D480	72.7	39.6	22.9
D481	58.2	31.5	14.7
D482	56.4	33.5	18.1

Total number marked at site D = 473

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Identification #	<u>Length</u> mm	<u>Height</u> mm	<u>Width</u> mm
B001	73.4	41.3	23.5
B002	64.0	34.8	18.3
B003	79.5	45.2	24.9
B004	81.1	44.8	23.8
B005	79.1	43.7	25.8
B006	104.7	60.9	29.8
B007	85.4	46.8	28.1
B009	80.6	44.7	25.9
B010	75.0	42.7	24.2
B011	61.5	35.4	19.3
B012	57.7	32.0	16.4
B013	76.3	42.1	24.0
B014	72.9	42.8	24.9
B015	61.0	33.9	18.7
B016	81.2	45.7	25.3
B017	80.1	45.5	26.4
B018	67.0	38.7	22.6
B019	87.5	45.1	24.5
B020	71.2	40.6	19.6
B021	84.7	49.2	26.7
B022	72.1	40.6	20.9
B023	50.6	26.9	13.7
B025	85.6	47.7	28.7
B026	86.5	47.2	25.7
B027	74.3	43.8	23.9
B028	73.1	42.7	22.6
B029	71.1	39.1	23.4
B030	67.2	38.6	19.6
B031	84.7	48.1	27.5

		70.2	4.4.	25.5
B032		78.3	44.0	
B033		67.5	40.4	21.3
B035		77.9	43.4	23.1
B036		98.6	54.2	26.9
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B037		57.6	32.4	18.7
		80.0	43.6	25.6
B038				
B040		87.9	47.5	25.4
		79.3	44.3	24.2
B041				
B043		76.3	41.3	24.9
		71.4	42.1	22.1
B044				
B045		72.3	42.5	21.5
				20.6
B046		75.6	42.3	
B047		77.8	43.9	26.3
B048		69.3	37.7	20.1
B049		95.0	50.9	27.5
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B050	•	55.0	28.5	15.4
	•	83.8	45.9	26.8
B051				
B052		71.3	40.2	23.1
	•	79.4	46.0	27.0
B053				
B054		85.7	47.5	27.4
		89.2	48.5	29.8
B055				
B056		68.3	41.4	21.6
		76.8	44.1	22.9
B057				
B058		82.5	43.4	21.6
		81.0	46.4	25.0
B059				
B060		75.6	40.2	23.6
			21.3	11.7
B061		39.1		
B062		88.4	49.1	26.9
			50.5	28.2
B063		87.3		
B064		94.6	51.5	27.7
			45.3	24.9
B065		77.8		
B066		67.9	41.3	21.5
			43.0	25.2
B067		78.4		
B068		84.5	46.6	29.1
			49.4	26.1
B070		90.1		
B071		76.2	41.1	26.1
			50.0	27.8
B072		88.0		
B073	r e e	92.7	50.4	27.2
			58.4	30.7
B074		107.6		
B075		85.7	50.4	25.7
				27.0
B076	•	91.7	50.3	
B077		77.6	44.1	23.7
			50.5	25.7
B078		90.4		
B079		57.3	32.2	15.5
				31.2
B080		98.3	52.5	
B081		83.6	45 .2	25.3
				21.5
B082		67.2	38.5	
B083		68.1	39.1	19.6
				23.9
B084		85.8	47.3	
B085		81.0	46.4	24.5
				18.2
B086		61.4	34.4	
B087		74.7	41.6	20.3
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B088	93.3	52.8	26.0
B089	69.1	38.1	18.7
B090	73.3	40.0	23.6
B091	77.8	45.3	22.5
B092	73.5	42.1	19.8
B093	71.6	39.7	23.2
B094	78.9	47.2	26.5
B095	72.6	41.3	25.7
B096	74.4	42.0	24.9
B097	85.0	46.8	27.7
B098	77.2	42.3	21.6
B100	73.6	43.5	23.6
B101	65 .7	36.6	19.5
B102	60.6	34.6	20.2
B103	64.6	35.8	18.4
B105	58.8	30.8	15.5
B106	79.2	43.0	25.7
B107	72.4	41.2	22.7
B108	57.5	34.6	18.8
B109	54.8	31.4	18.4
B110	86.0	45.3	25.8
B111	78.9	44.5	23.3
B112	89.0	51.4	27.5
B113	83.1	48.8	28.3
B114	73.7	41.7	23.2
B115	62.7	35.8	16.0
B116	76.0	42.9	23.3
B117	63.0	36.0	19.0
B118	72.0	38.1	23.0
B120	61.3	34.0	20.2
B121	53.5	27.7	14.2
B122	84.0	44.7	23.4
B123	73.3	43.6	21.0
B124	70.3	42.6	24.9
B126	82.3	46.2	21.6
B127	77.0	42.5	24.0
B128	75.5	40.7	21.3
B129	74.8	41.7	24.4
B130	61.8	33.8	18.3
B131 -	68.7	40.0	21.0
B132	79.8	44.8	20.8
B133	68.3	37.6	20.7
B134	69.4	39.4	23.1
B135	68.2	38.0	19.6
B136	63.0	33.7	18.3
B137	74.3	41.5	21.3
B138	71.9	41.4	21.3
B139	52.5	27.2	14.0
B140	47.8	27.8	14.2
B141	77.2	41.8	22.4
B142	84.8	47.0	24.7
B143	96.5	49.8	28.0

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B144	69.4	37.9	23.6
B145	69.7	43.0	20.2
B146	73.5	41.7	23.4
B147	78.6	42.1	23.5
B148	82.1	46.5	27.8
B149	71.0	37.9	19.8
B150	75.4	41.8	23.7
B151	87.7	49.0	25.4
B152	72.0	40.2	22.1
B153	89.3	50.6	23.4
B154	79.1	43.1	23.8
B155	58.7	33.1	17.7
B156	70.7	40.3	23.3
B157	74.2	43.7	23.0
B157	67.5	39.5	20.4
B159	90.2	48.6	27.7
B160	65.3	34.8	19.9
B161	78.3	43.7	21.6
B162	49.6	29.1	14.1
	48.9	27.8	13.9
B163 B164	60.5	31.9	18.8
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B165	65.3	36.2	16.9
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B169	82.9	46.0	27.0
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B172	83.2	47.4	25.1
B173	78.6	41.2	23.6
B174	68.7	40.1	22.5
B175	62.5	33.5	60.2
B176	63.3	37.1	20.1
B177	54.6	31.5	16.0
B178	70.6	39.2	21.5
B179		35.2	17.0
B180	61.6	28.6	14.0
B181	49.8	30.4	16.8
B182	55.1	53.3	28.6
B183	90.1	46.5	23.7
B184	84.0		27.0
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B186	102.6		20.4
B187	71.2	38.6	25.2
B188	79.2	44.0	25.5
B189	84.3	50.0	23.7
B190	78.0	43.8	31.1
B191	94.1	52.4	25.4
B192	76.6	45.0	24.6
B193	79.1	46.4	
B194	73.8	41.2	24.4
B195	69.4	38.5	19.5
B196	59.8	29.9	16.6

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B197	87.4	46.0	27.4
B198	61.3	33.9	18.6
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B200	80.5	43.3	26.7
B201	79.9	44.4	26.2
B202	81.0	47.4	22.0
B203	81.5	44.8	23.8
B204	90.3	48.2	27.5
B205	76.7	42.8	21.9
B206	82.6	44.8	25.4
B207	76.6	42.2	23.0
B208	70.1	41.5	22.3
B209	84.4	49.4	27.2
B210 .	64.4	35.6	20.7
B211	76.9	43.1	23.3
B212	75.8	43.1	23.5
B213	82.2	47.0	22.0
B214	67.5	37.0	22.0
B215	80.0	45.8	26.4
B216	59.2	33.5	18.1
B217	84.2	47.0	27.0
B217	82.2	46.2	26.9
B219	72.2	40.5	21.9
B220	73.2	40.5	20.7
B221	74.1	40.2	18.5
B222	60.8	35.9	20.5
B223	56.5	30.5	16.3
B224	86.8	50.2	27.2
B225	71.7	42.5	23.7
B226	83.5	48.3	26.8
B227	68.5	37.2	20.4
B228	60.8	32.0	21.9
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	75.0	41.2	25.2
B230	55.4	31.1	15.1
B231	78.3	43.5	23.8
B232	66.8	38.2	20.3
B233	73.5	42.5	24.7
B234	77.0	43.5	25.0
B235	68.0	40.0	19.5
B236	66.2	37.3	17.4
B237	82.3	47.3	22.2
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B240	82.2	43.1	23.6
B241	78.8	43.4	25.3
B242	83.1	45.8	27.0
B243	59.9	36.8	20.5
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B245	83.5	44.9	25.2
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B249	40.5	20.7	11.6
B251	23.8	13.0	5.4
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B254	87.5	48.6	25.0
B255	93.2	50.9	32.1
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B260		42.8	25.5
B261	76.8		17.0
B262	54.7	30.1	
B263	62.7	36.6	18.2
B264	55.0	29.8	16.0
B265	92.6	51.5	28.2
B266	77.5	45.4	27.9
B267	107.6	59.7	31.5
B268	81.5	45.1	21.5
B269	78.9	46.0	25.9
B270	67.3	38.3	21.5
B271	92.0	49.4	30.1
B272	66.9	38.8	19.9
B273	88.2	49.9	24.2
B274	72.1	41.7	24.7
B275	74.5	42.1	25.0
B276	74.8	39.9	23.3
B277	60.2	34.5	19.6
B278	72.7	41.3	24.8
B279	69.7	40.1	21.8
B280	71.2	38.2	20.5
B281	99.1	57.8	29.7
B282	71.1	38.2	20.7
B283	81.3	45.6	25.8
B284	84.3	45.9	22.3
B285	53.8	30.1	15.3
	84.0	43.9	26.6
B286		43.4	25.3
B287	76.0	41.8	23.4
B288	74.7		26.3
B289	98.6	52.6	
B290	81.5	48.1	25.3
B291	81.2	44.5	23.2
B292	70.7	39.4	20.7
B293	73.8	39.3	25.7
B294	56.5	31.3	15.3
B295	83.1	46.2	22.7
B296	83.1	47.6	27.3
B297	63.0	35.9	20.8
B298	72.6	42.7	23.0
B299	69.8	40.7	21.4
B300	64.1	36.6	18.0
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	B302	51.9	27.6	14.8
	B303	88.0	50.4	26.6
	B304	81.1	46.6	25.1
	B305	67.8	38.3	17.8
	B306	52.0	27.7	13.2
	B307	69.5	38.8	21.9
	B308	63.9	35.6	16.2
	B309	78.4	43.5	24.9
	B310	65.8	38.1	17.5
	B311	49.5	28.8	14.4
	B312	72.2	44.5	22.6
	B313	30.9	17.6	10.8
	B314	73.1	39.2	23.8
	B315	82.5	46.3	28.6
	B316	78.6	43.5	25.8
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	B318	78.1	43.2	21.7
	B319	78.2	43.4	25.8
	B320	87.3	46.8	26.1
	B321	89.9	49.5	29.0
	B322	88.1	50.4	23.3
	B323	80.7	41.9	25.3
	B324	67.1	36.4	14.8
	B325	69.7	36.3	17.1
	B326	89.1	51.2	25.9
	B327	69.9	40.9	22.1
	B328	85.1	49.1	24.9
	B329	86.4	47.3	28.5
	B330	90.7	53.3	31.5
	B331	67.7	37.8	24.0
	B332	77.2	46.2	24.7
	B333	64.5	38.2	21.9
	B334	81.2	44.9	25.5
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	B336	78.9	43.8	26.2
	B337	61.0	34.2	17.7
	B338	78.2	43.3	24.6
	B339	51.9	29.4	13.6
	B340	58.7	32.6	15.8
	B341	58.5	34.0	15.3
	B342	70.0	41.5	24.5
		75.8	43.6	24.7
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		84.0	46.7	
	B346	77.9	43.4	21.5
	B347	86.7	50.9	28.5
	B348	81.5	48.7	26.1
	B349	84.7	45.4	26.2
	B350	73.1	41.8	21.5
	B351	81.0	46.7	26.4
	B352	84.0	51.0	24.8
	B353	54.5	30.6	17.2

B354	76.6	42.3	25.1
B355	72.9	42.0	20.2
B356	84.9	47.7	29.1
B357	81.1	44.0	23.8
B358	71.0	43.0	22.7
B359	72.7	40.5	22.8
B360	87.6	45.4	25.2
B361	81.4	47.2	26.3
B362	79.5	45.0	26.5
B363	80.6	46.4	26.3
B364	78.1	42.4	23.0
B365	48.1	25.4	11.8
B366	66.5	36.5	20.1
B367	83.9	45.8	26.7
B368	97.9	51.6	27.6

number 296 was triple-tagged.
number 312 and numbers 314-368 above were double-tagged.

Total number marked at site B = 356

Recaptures recorded during 1995 from site B (with date of recapture).

Mussel Number	Date Recaptured
B002	3/15
B004	3/15
B006	3/15
B007	3/15
B008	3/15
B011	3/15
B012	3/17
B013	3/16
B014	3/16
B016	3/15
B017	3/15
B019	3/15
B020	3/15
B025	3/15
B028	3/15
B029	3/15
B030 B037	3/15 3/15
B038	3/15
B051	3/15
B040	3/16
B042*	3/16
B043	3/16
B047	3/16

Recaptures (cont'd)

B049	3/16
B054	3/16
B055	3/16
B056	3/16
B058	3/16
B059	3/16
B060	3/16
B062	3/16
B064	3/16
B067	3/16
B068	3/16
B073	3/16
B076	3/16
B077	3/16

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Total number of recaptures = 38

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Grant: NOAA CZM 10/01/93 Principal Task: Gage

	Gra	ant Funds	State Funds	In Kind
Contractual		66,934.00 66,934.00	-	0.00
	Remaining	0.00	(7,325.88)	0.00
Equipment	Allocated Spent	0.00	100.00 100.00	0.00
	Remaining	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fringe	Allocated Spent	755.00 755.00		4,978.00 3,502.79
	Remaining	0.00	0.00	1,475.21
Personnel		5,993.00 5,993.00		15,311.00 14,561.74
	Remaining	0.00	(.51)	749.26
Travel	Allocated Spent	0.00	600.00 600.00	0.00
	Remaining	0.00	0.00	0.00

Expenditure			Expenditure	Funding Overall	Overali	
Date	Recipient	Expenditure	Description	Source	Allocation	
12-Oct-94	VPI&SU	\$11,631.00	Install Gages	Grant	Contractual	
21-Nov-84	VPI&SU	\$38,369.00	Install Gages	Grant	Contractual	
12-Dec-94	VCU	\$2,644.46	Biomonitoring 10/1/94 through 3/30/95	Grant	Contractual	
18-Jan-95	VCU.	\$7,018.06	Biomonitoring	Grant	Contractual	
30-Mar-95	VCU	\$7,080.54	Biomonitoring 10/1/94 through 3/30/95	Grant	Contractual	
30-Mar-95	VPI&SU	\$190.94	Gage Monitoring (Jan'95 - Mar'95)	Grant	Contractual	
30-Mar-95	DNH DNH	\$755.00	Final Report Mussel Surveys	Grant	Fringe	
18-Nov-84	Div. Natural Heritage	\$2,652.51	Mussel Survey - Personnel billed to Contractual	Grant	Personnel	
29-Mar-95	DNH Reimbursement	\$3,341.00	Final Report Mussel Surveys	Grant	Personnel	
05-Apr-95	CBLAD	(\$0.51)	Adjustment to DNH Personnel Expenses	Grant	Personnel	
		\$73,682.00		•		
26-Mar-94	C.W. Jackson Hauling	\$566.82	Repairs to Mr. Atkinson's driveway at Gage Site C	State	Contractual	
28-Apr-94	VPI&SU	\$38,369.48	Purchase Gage Equipment and Supplies	State	Contractual	
15-Nov-94	VCU	\$787.86	Biomonitoring	State	Contractual	
22-Nov-94	VPI&SU	\$1,133.52	Install Gages	State	Contractual	
08-Dec-94	VPI&SU	\$12,822.00	Gage Monitoring	State	Contractual	
17~Jan-95	VCU	\$1,919.14	Biomonitoring	State	Contractual	
31-Mar-95	VPI&SU	\$4,434.06	Gage Monitoring (Jan'95 - Mar'95)	State	Contractual	
29-Mar-85	Div Natural Heritage	\$100.00	Equipment reimbursement	State	Equipment	
04-Apr-95	CBLAD	\$0.51	Adjustment to DHN Personnel Expenses	State	Personnel	
30-Mar-95	Div Natural Heritage	\$600.00	Travel Reimbursement	State	Travel	
		\$60 733 30				

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In Kind Expenditures

	Time Period	Overall	
Position	Ends	Allocation	DOLLARS
EE Fringe	30-Jun-94	Fringe	\$15.93
SEN Fringe	30-Jun-94	Fringe	\$39.04
EE Fringe	30-Sep-94	Fringe	\$42.48
SEN Fringe	30-Sep-94	Fringe	\$39.04
CE Fringe	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$378.00
DNH Eco Fri	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$385.60
DNH Zoo Fri	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$822.40
EE Fringe	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$185.26
SEC Fringe	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$72.48
SEN Fringe	31-Dec-94	Fringe	\$554.40
CE Fringe	30-Mar-95	Fringe	\$270.00
EE Fringe	30-Mar-95	Fringe	\$174.64
SEC Fringe	30-Mar-95	Fringe	\$48.32
SEN Fringe	30-Mar-95	Fringe	\$475.20
			\$3,502.79

EE Salary	30-Jun-94	Personnel	\$208.04
SEN Salary	30-Jun-94	Personnel	\$132.00
EE Salary	30-Sep-94	Personnel	\$554.76
SEN Salary	30-Sep-94	Personnel	\$132.00
CE Salary	31-Dec-94	Personnel	\$1,259.44
DNH Zoo Per	31-Dec-94	Personnel	\$2,740.00
EE Salary	31-Dec-94	Personnel	\$2,471.18
SEC Salary	31-Dec-94	Personnel	\$241.92
SEN Salary	31-Dec-94	Personnel	\$1,848.00
CE Salary	30-Mar-95	Personnel	\$899.60
EE Salary	30-Mar-95	Personnel	\$2,329.52
SEC Salary	30-Mar-95	Personnel	\$161.28
SEN Salary	30-Mar-95	Personnel	\$1,584.00
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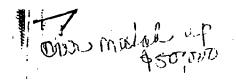
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April 13, 1995

Mr. Darryl M. Glover Senior Environmental Engineer Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department 805 E. Broad Street, Suite 701 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Glover:

Enclosed is the State Match information for the Polecat Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project.

DNH State Zoologist	20 days @ \$137	\$2,740
Fringe State Zoologist	30% of \$2,740	822
Fringe State Ecologist	19\$ of \$2,025	<u>385</u>
Total DNH S	State Match Funds	3.947

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Pat Jarrell

Financial Administrator

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